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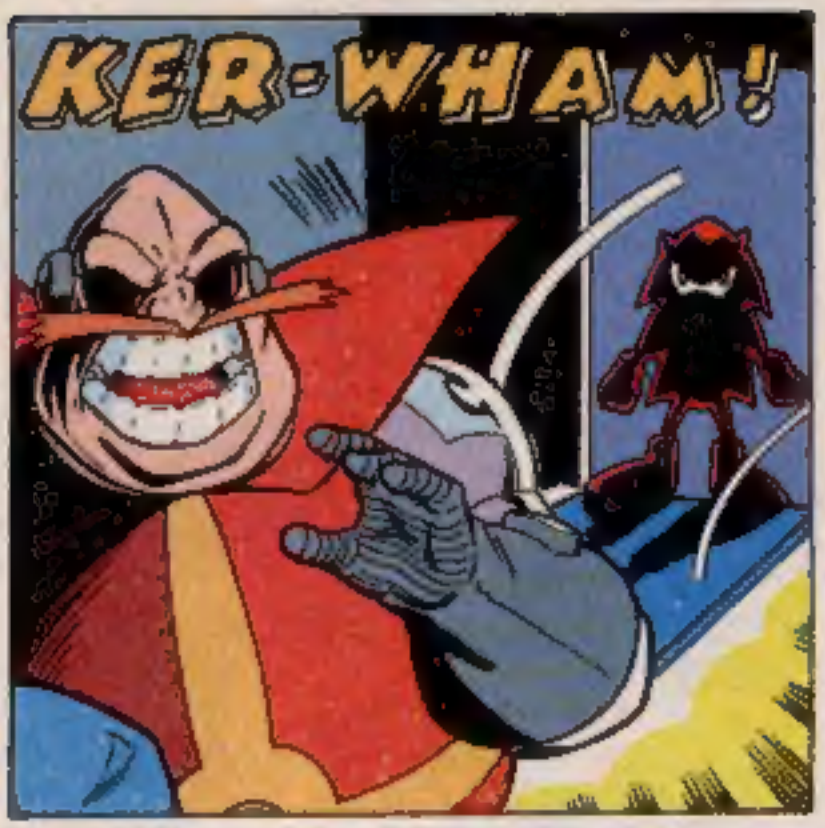
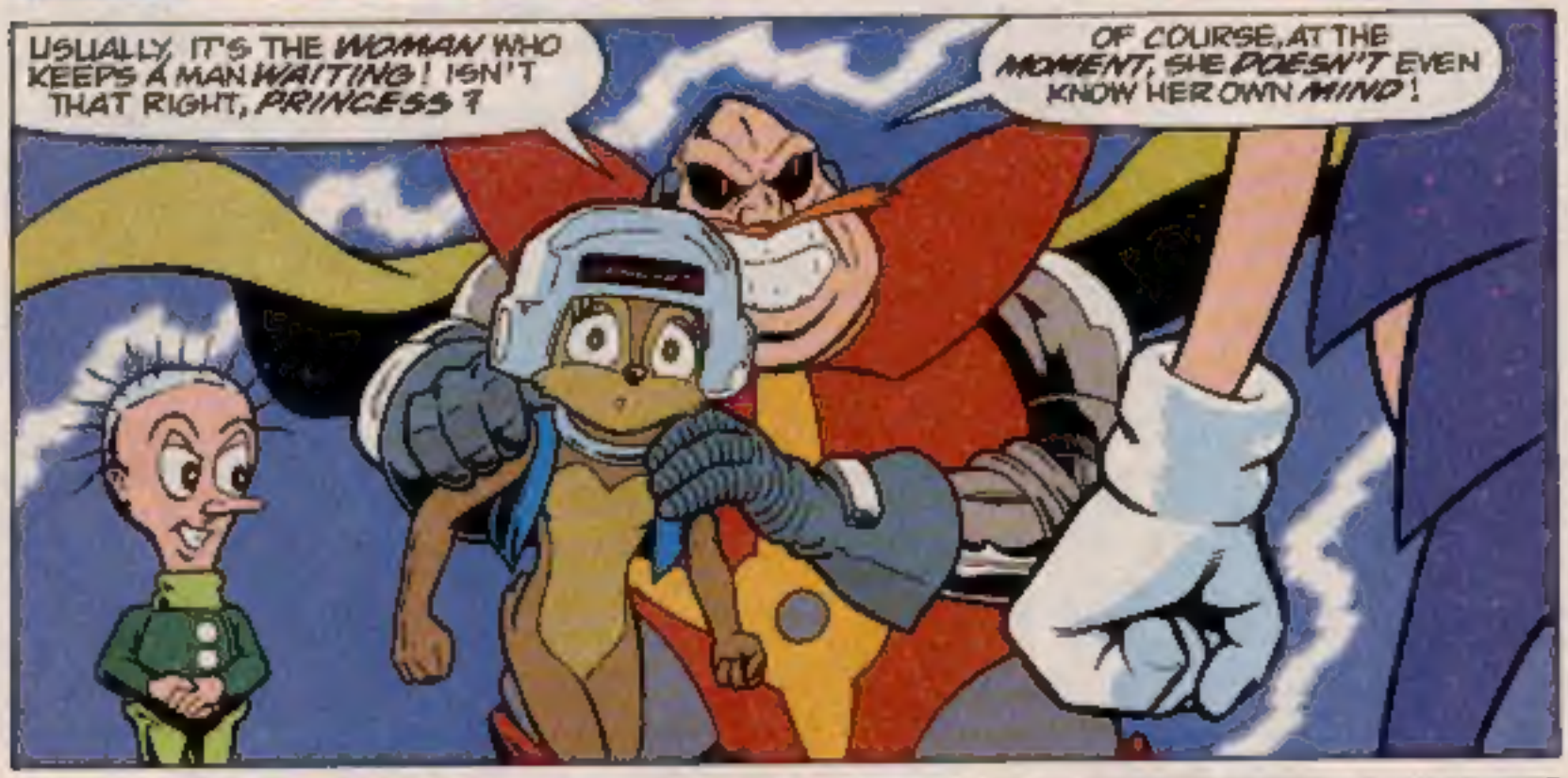
COME OUT! COME OUT,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
WHEREVER YOU ARE!
COME OUT AND FIGHT ME MAN-BOT TO HEDGEHOG!
KRA-KOOOOOM!

THIS IS IT, YOU BLASTED NUISANCE! YOU AND I WILL HAVE IT OUT FOR THE LAST TIME!

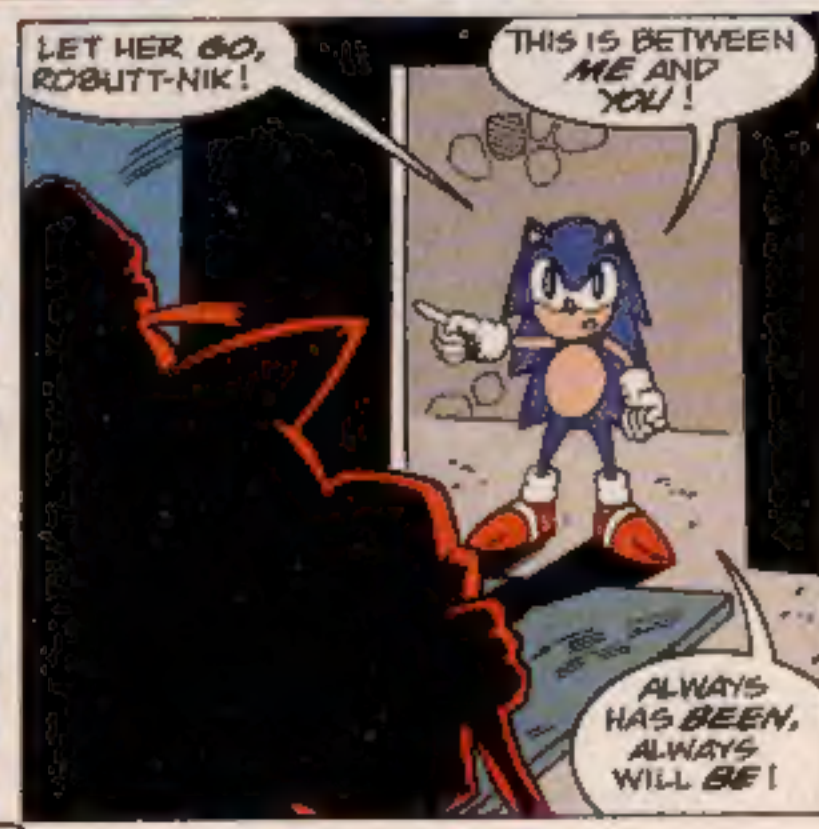
THIS ONE'S FOR ALL THE NUTS AND BOLTS!
ZOOOOOM!


KER-WHAM!

SONIC!
WHAT KEPT YOU?

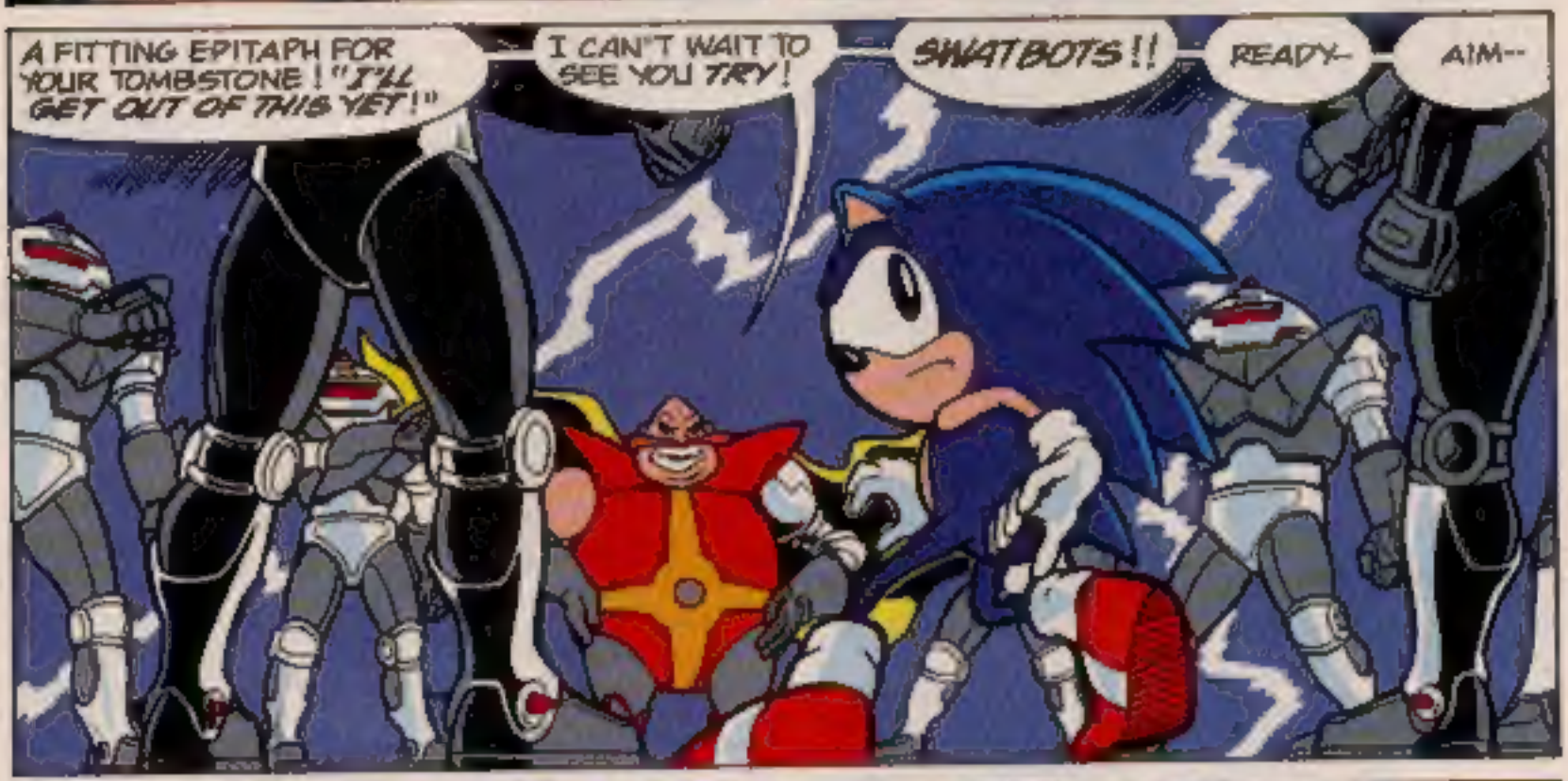

USUALLY, IT'S THE WOMAN WHO KEEPS A MAN WAITING! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PRINCESS?
OF COURSE, AT THE MOMENT, SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HER OWN MIND!

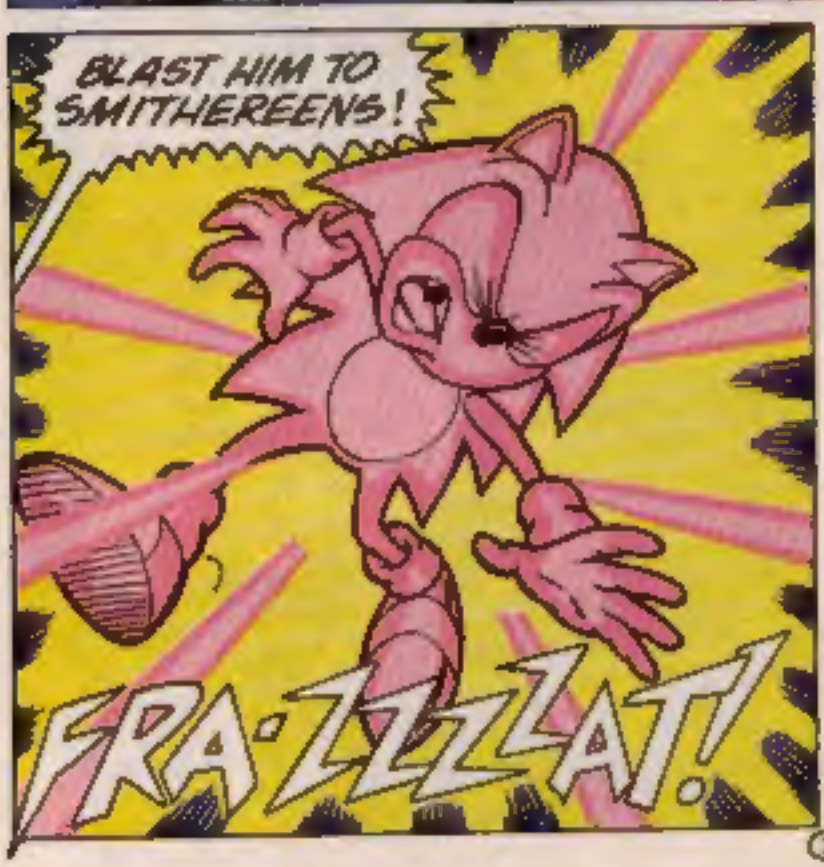
I PROMISED HER SHE COULD BE HERE WHEN YOU ARRIVED!
GAVE MY WORD OF HONOR SHE COULD WATCH YOU GO TO HEDGEHOG HEAVEN!


LET HER GO, ROBUTT-NIK!
THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND YOU!
ALWAYS HAS BEEN, ALWAYS WILL BE!

YOU'RE QUITE CORRECT!
HOWEVER--
I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO DO MY OWN DIRTY WORK!
SO--

IF YOU'VE ANY LAST THOUGHTS, YOU MAY AS WELL SAY THEM NOW!
YOU THINK YOU HAVE ME, DON'T YOU?
I'LL GET OUT OF THIS YET!


A FITTING EPITAPH FOR YOUR TOMBSTONE! "I'LL GET OUT OF THIS YET!"
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU TRY!
SWATBOTS!!
READY--
AIM--


BLAST HIM TO SMITHEREENS!
FRA-ZZZZAT!

HAVE A NICE AFTERLIFE, HEDGEHOG!
HAHAHAH

THE LAST GAME CARTRIDGE HERO

PART 1

ENOUGH WITH THE VIDEO GAMES ALREADY!

LET'S GO! YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL IF WE DON'T HUSTLE NOW!

BUT, MOM—

I WAS ALMOST AT THE NEXT LEVEL!!

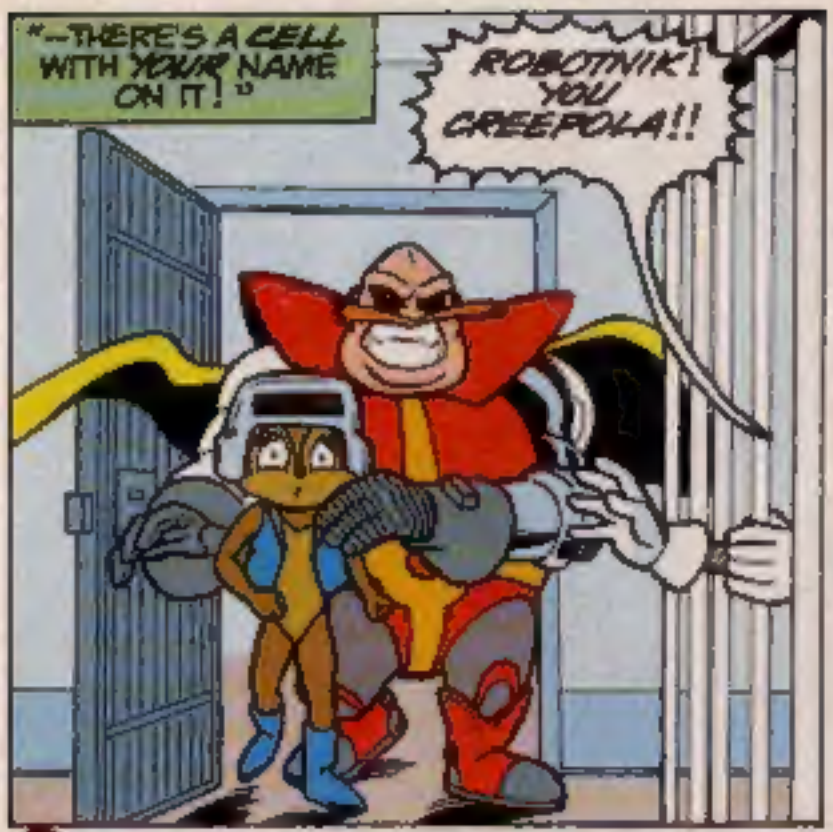
OOOMPH!
ARRRGH!

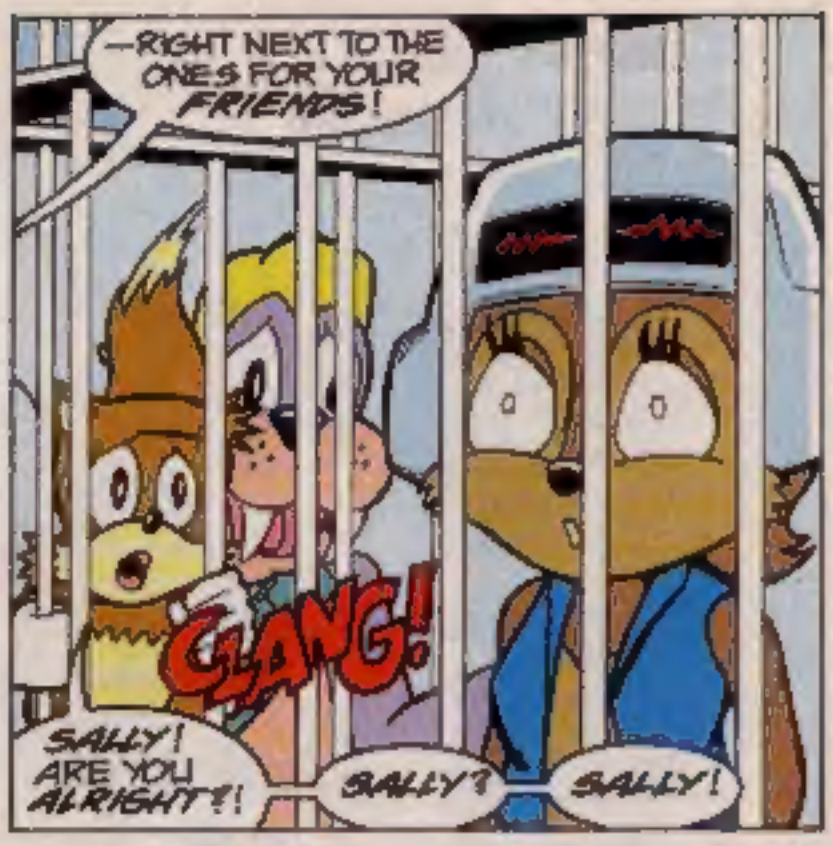
THIS IS GETTING ME NOWHERE REAL FAST!
AS IF I HAVE A CLUE TO WHERE I REALLY AM!
THWOK!

I CAN'T RUN! I CAN BARELY EVEN MOVE! IT'S AS IF I'M STUCK IN NEUTRAL!
FEELS LIKE FLOATING INSIDE ONE OF ROTOR'S GADGETS, ONLY I DON'T SEE ANY WAY OUT!
ONE THING'S FOR SURE—

"ROBOJERK MUST BE SPLITTING A GUT OVER THIS!"
AT LONG LAST!
I'VE FINALLY ACCOMPLISHED MY MOST CHERISHED GOAL!
GOODBYE, SONIC! THE PARTING IS DEFINITELY NOT SWEET SORROW!

SO MUCH FOR THE HEDGEHOG, SNIVELY--
WE'VE GOT A PLANET TO CONQUER AND NO ONE TO STOP US NOW!
AS FOR YOU, PRINCESS--


"—THERE'S A CELL WITH YOUR NAME ON IT!"
ROBOTNIK! YOU CREEPOLA!!

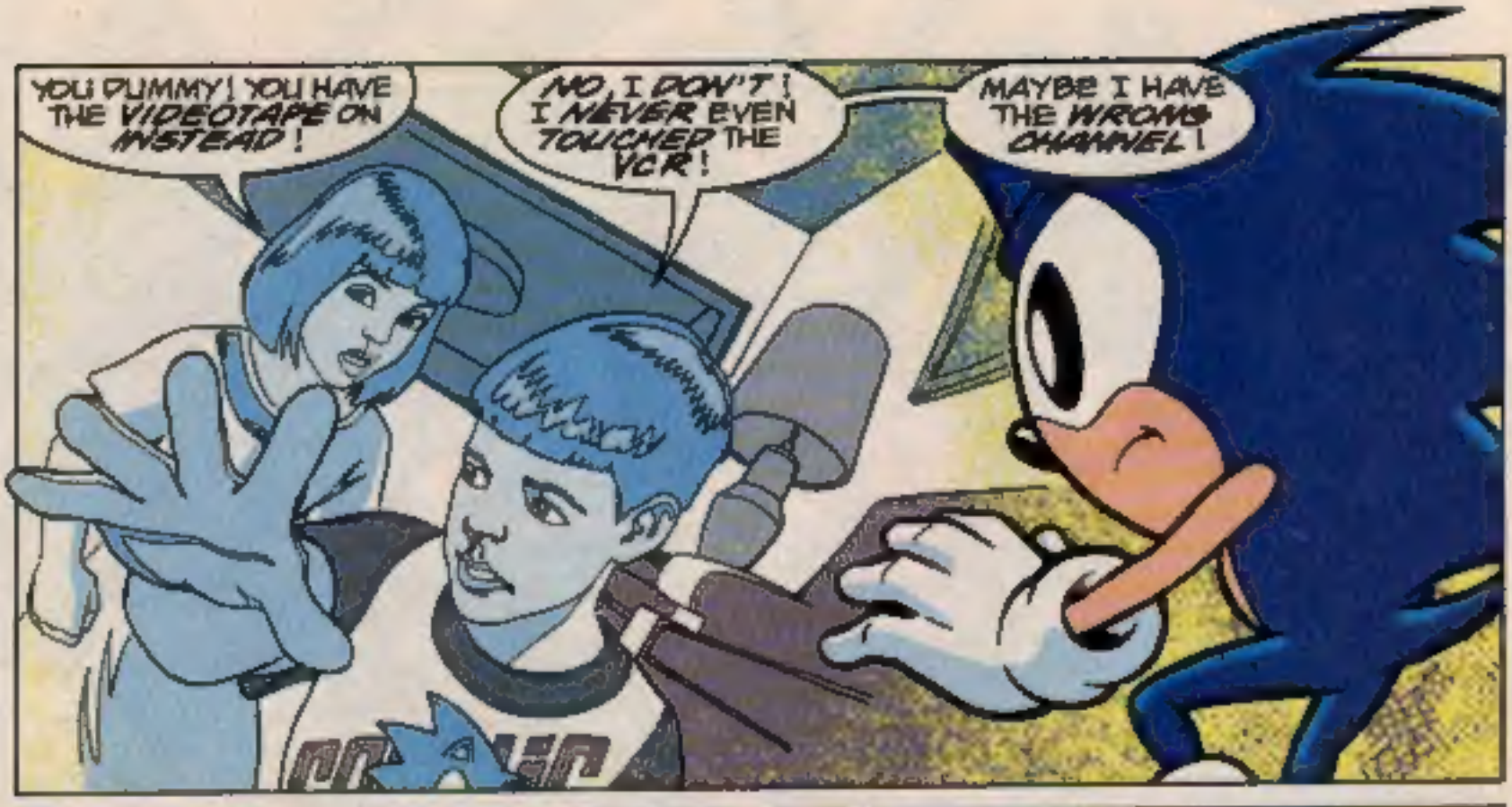

—RIGHT NEXT TO THE ONES FOR YOUR FRIENDS!
CLANG!
SALLY! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
SALLY?
SALLY!

WE NOW RETURN TO A PLACE DEFINITELY NOT ON MOBIUS...
OH BOY! WE'RE FINALLY HOME!
I THOUGHT SCHOOL WOULD NEVER END!
HUH?! WHUZZAT?!

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY HOMEWORK?
I'LL DO IT AFTER DINNER!
C'MON, JESSIE! LET'S PLAY!
THIS IS NEW!

I THINK I HAVE THE LAST TRAP FIGURED OUT!
IN JUST A SECOND, I'LL PUNCH IN THE CODES, AND—
WHAT ON MOBIUS IS THAT?

HUH?
WHAT HAPPENED?!
STILL—


YOU DUMMY! YOU HAVE THE VIDEOTAPE ON INSTEAD!
NO, I DON'T! I NEVER EVEN TOUCHED THE VCR!
MAYBE I HAVE THE WRONG CHANNEL!

DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!
I NEED HELP GETTING OUT OF HERE!

AND SINCE I CAN'T GO ALL THE WAY TO YOU--
WHOA!

--LET'S SEE IF YOU GUYS CAN JOIN ME!

JESSIE! IT'S SONIC!
IT'S REALLY SONIC!
HOO BOY!
HI, KIDS!
SORRY TO PULL A FAST ONE--BUT THIS IS IMPORTANT!

WHERE ARE WE?
THE CLOSEST I CAN FIGURE IS SOME SORT OF "IN-BETWEEN" ZONE!
THIS FLOATING AROUND IS AWESOME!

IN-BETWEEN ZONE?
YEAH--WE'RE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN WHERE I COME FROM AND WHERE YOU DO!
THE SURROUNDING ENERGY SURGED TO THE POINT WHERE I WAS ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU!

NOW, THE ENERGY SURGES ARE COALESCING AT ANOTHER POINT!
AND SINCE YOU'VE ARRIVED, THE SURGES HAVE GROWN STRONGER!

LET'S MAKE LIKE HEROES AND SEE WHERE THIS TAKES US!
WITH ANY LUCK--

--THE NEXT STOP IS MOBIUS!
WAIT'LL MOM HEARS ABOUT THIS!
END OF PART 1

NOW THAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS PLAYING HIS GOLDEN HARP--

THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP ANYONE FROM MARCHING TO THE BEAT OF MY DRUM!

THE LAST GAME CARTRIDGE HERO

PART II

YOU ALWAYS WERE GOOD AT CARRYING A TUNE, DOCTOR--

PARTICULARLY DIRGES!

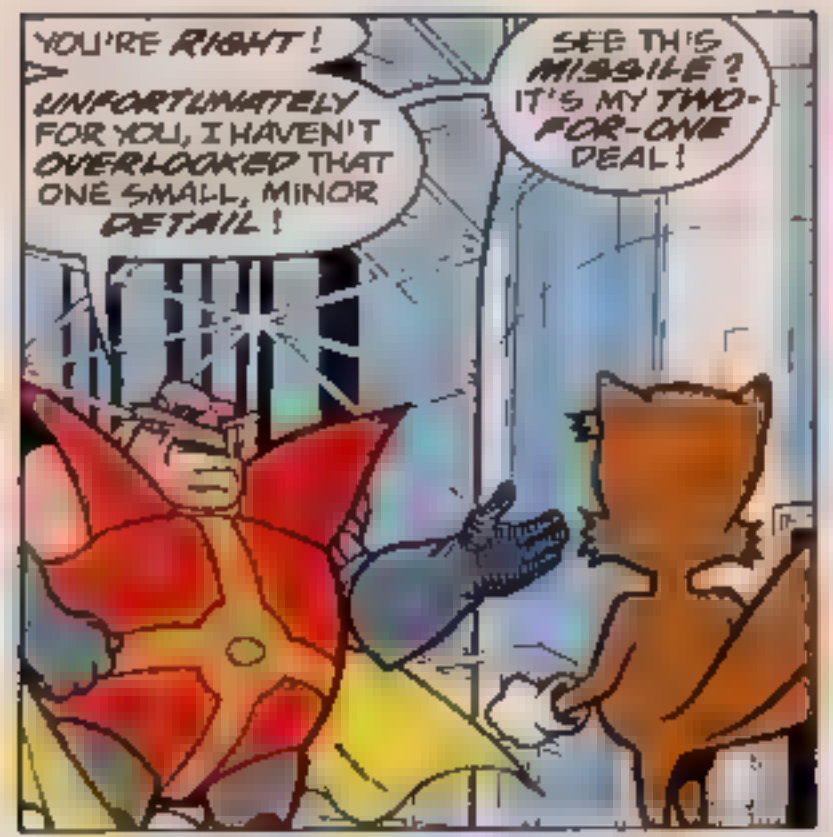
AH, YES--

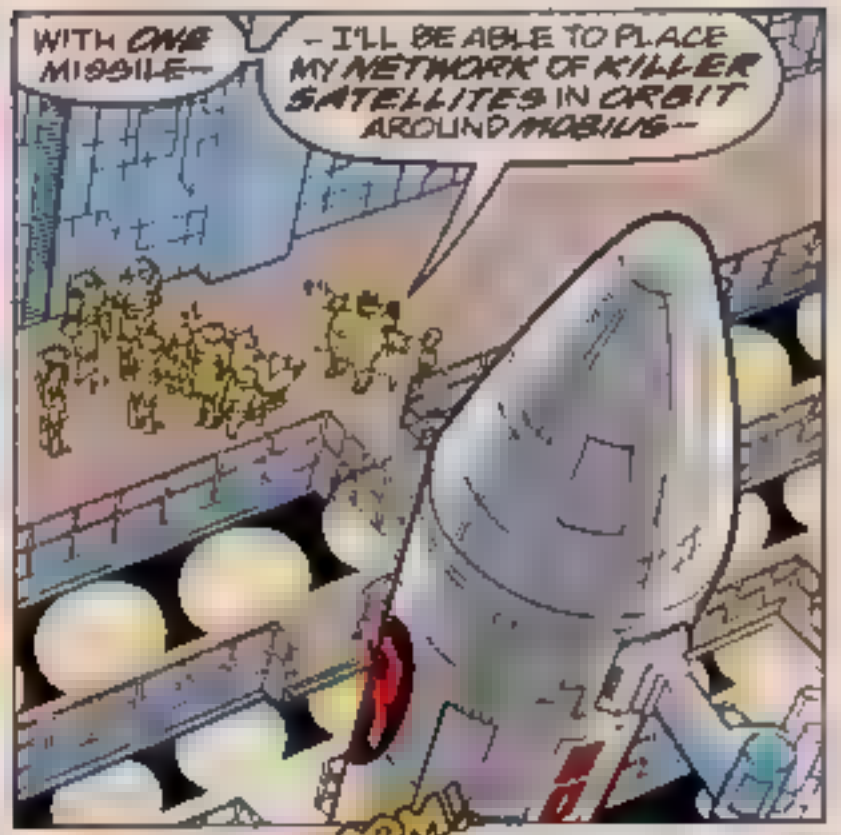
BUT NOW, BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE!

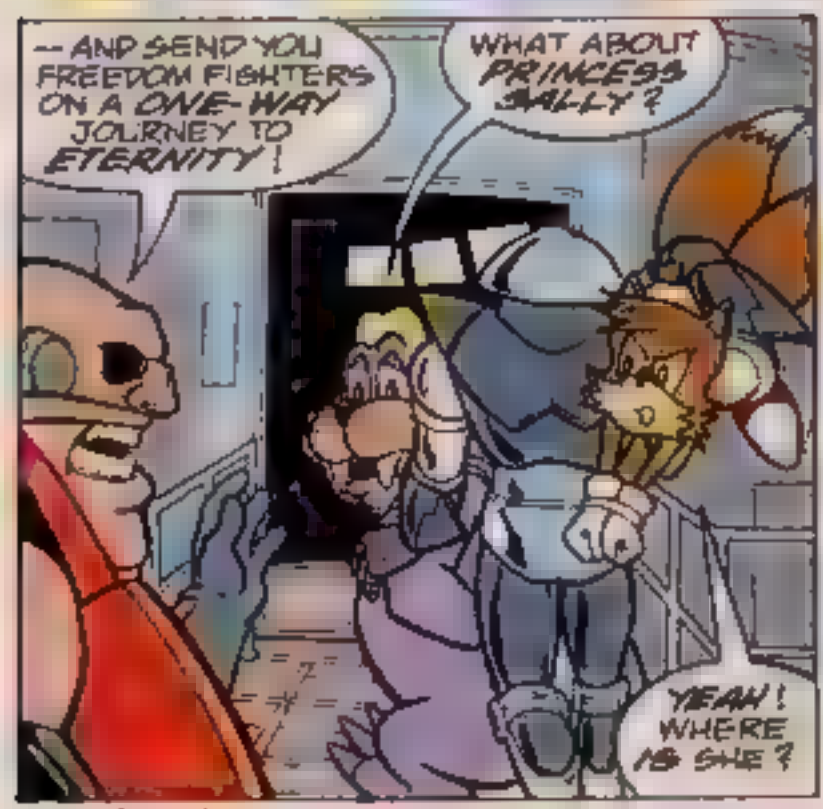
GENTLEMEN AND RAB-BOT, SO GOOD OF YOU TO JOIN US--

THINGS JUST WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU--AND THAT SUITS ME QUITE NICELY!

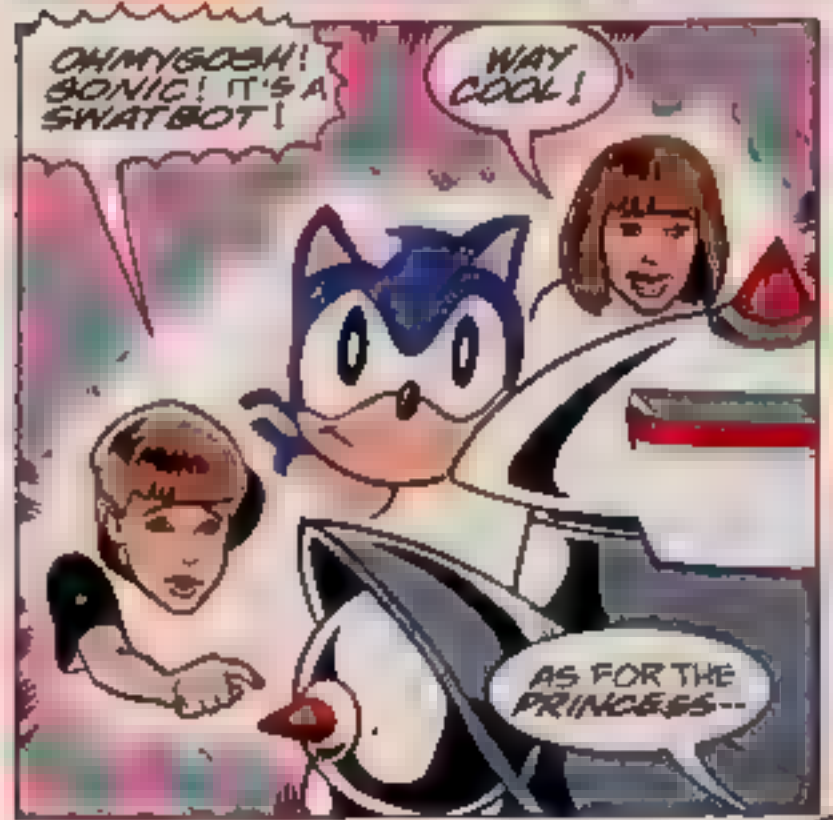
YOU JUST WAIT! IT ISN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER!

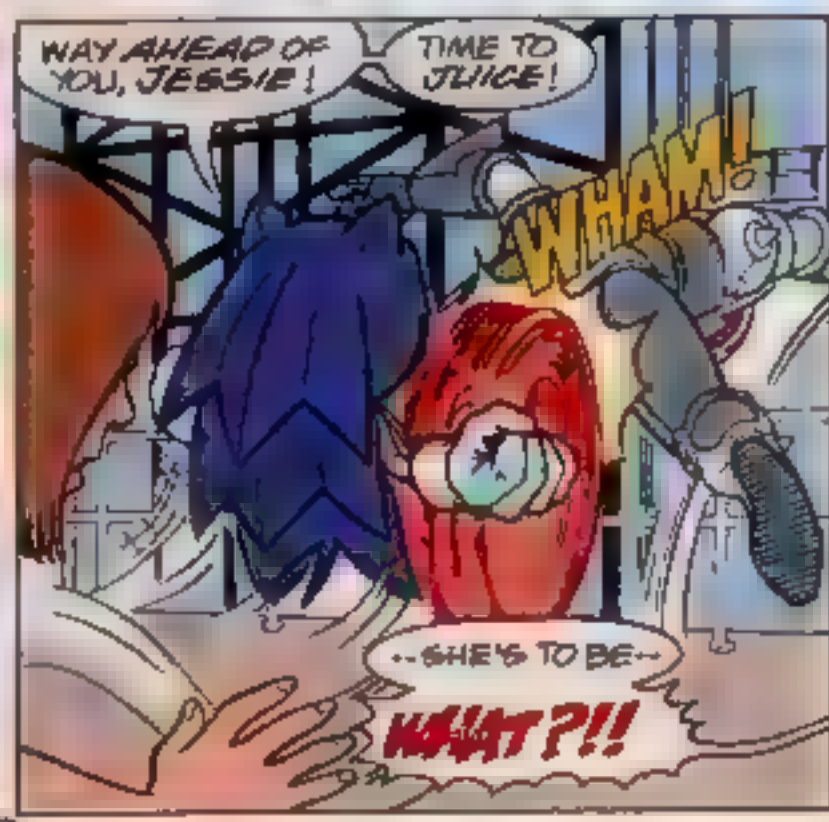

YOU'RE RIGHT!
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I HAVEN'T OVERLOOKED THAT ONE SMALL, MINOR DETAIL!
SEE THIS MISSILE? IT'S MY TWO-FOR-ONE DEAL!

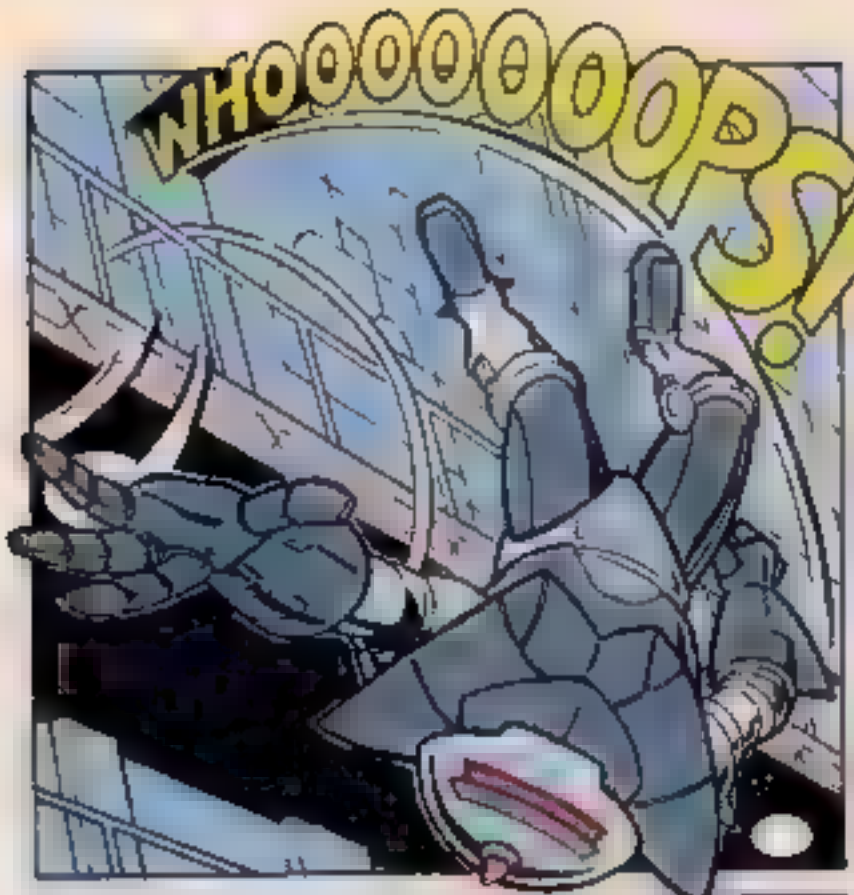

WITH ONE MISSILE--
--I'LL BE ABLE TO PLACE MY NETWORK OF KILLER SATELLITES IN ORBIT AROUND MOBIUS--

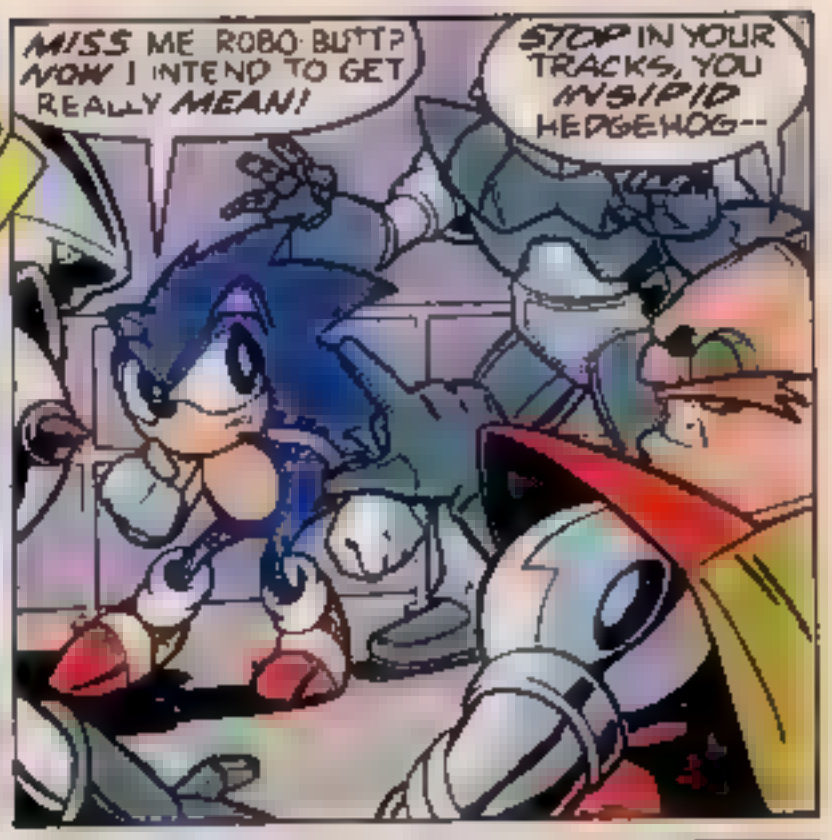

--AND SEND YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON A ONE-WAY JOURNEY TO ETERNITY!
WHAT ABOUT PRINCESS SALLY?
YEAH! WHERE IS SHE?

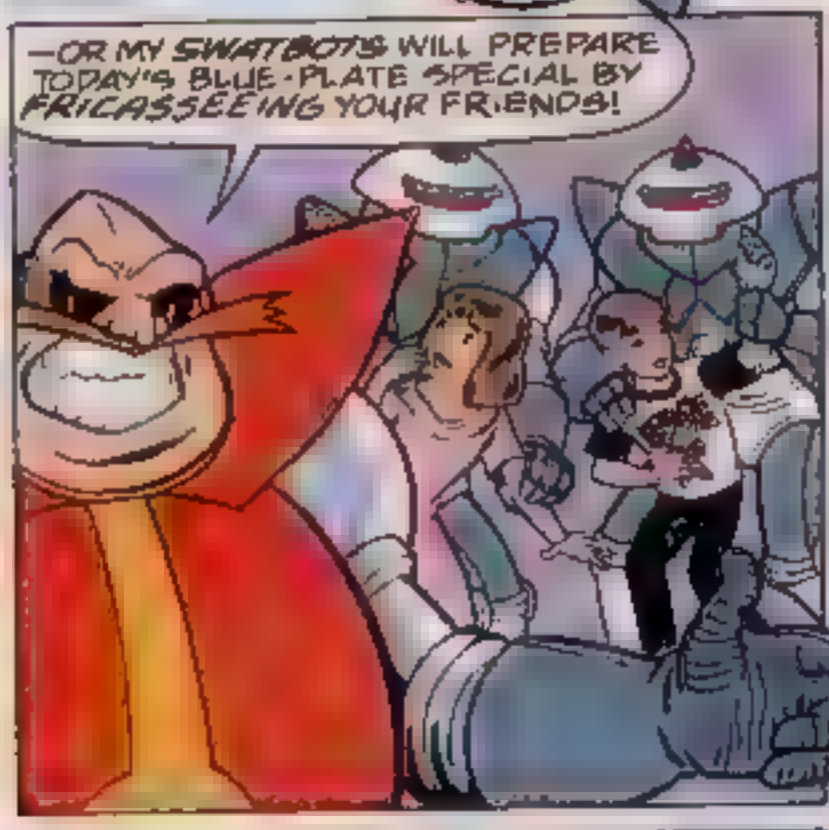
BADOOM!
SHE'S IN THE ROCKET'S LOWER LEVEL BUT I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT HER!
YOU'RE IN OVER YOUR HEADS AS IT IS!

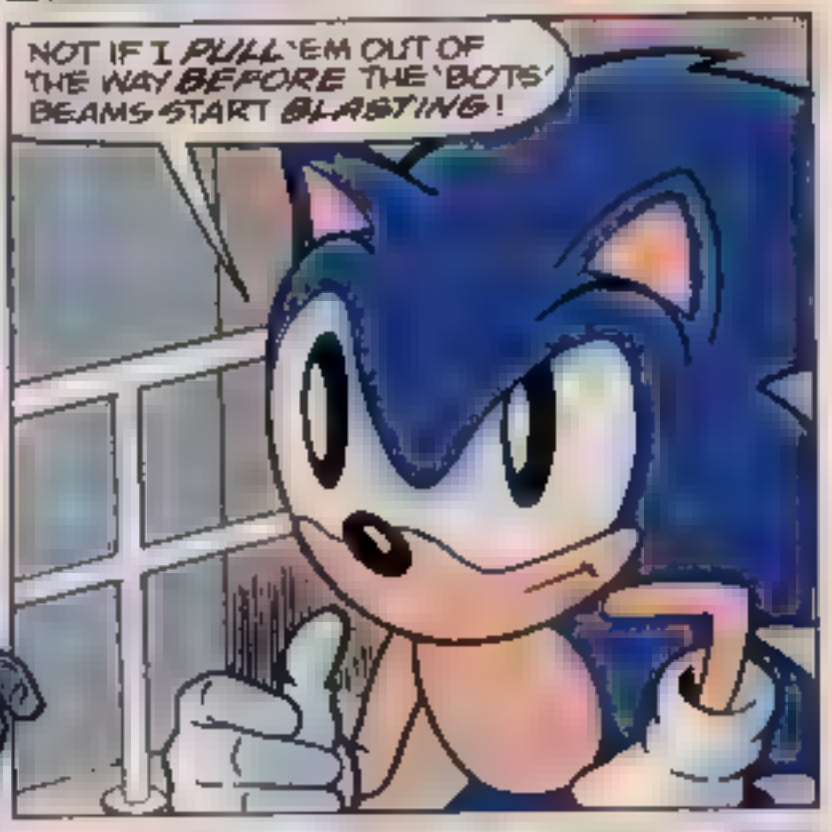

OH MY GOSH! SONIC! IT'S A SWATBOT!
WAY COOL!
AS FOR THE PRINCESS--

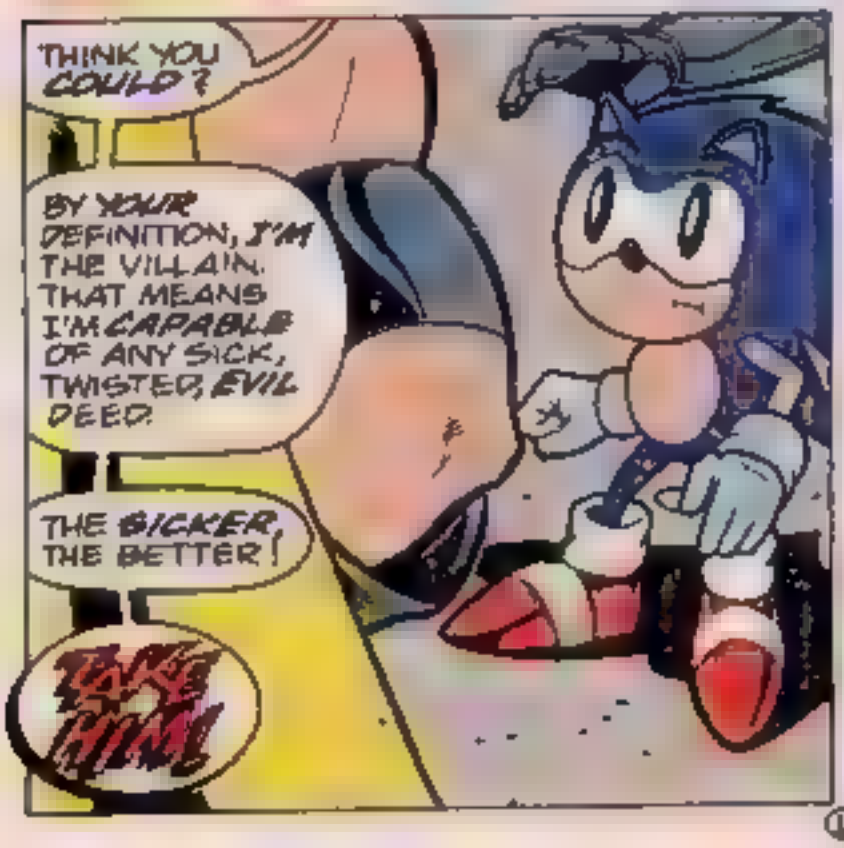

WAY AHEAD OF YOU, JESSIE!
TIME TO JUICE!
WHAM!
--SHE'S TO BE--
WHAT?!!


WHOOOOOOOPS!

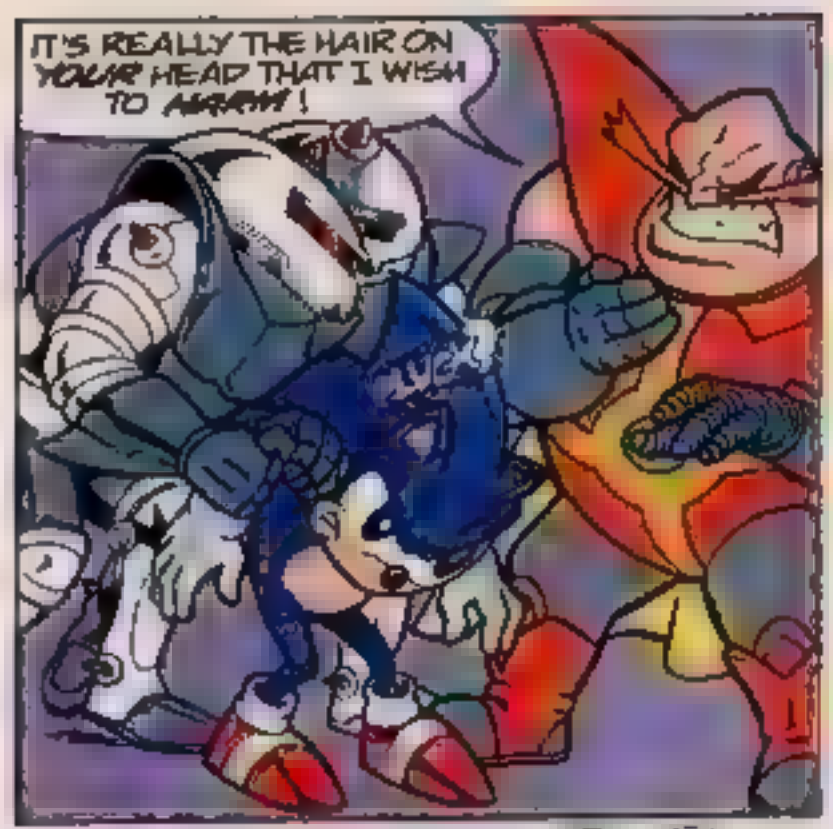

MISS ME ROBO-BUTT? NOW I INTEND TO GET REALLY MEAN!
STOP IN YOUR TRACKS, YOU INSIPID HEDGEHOG--

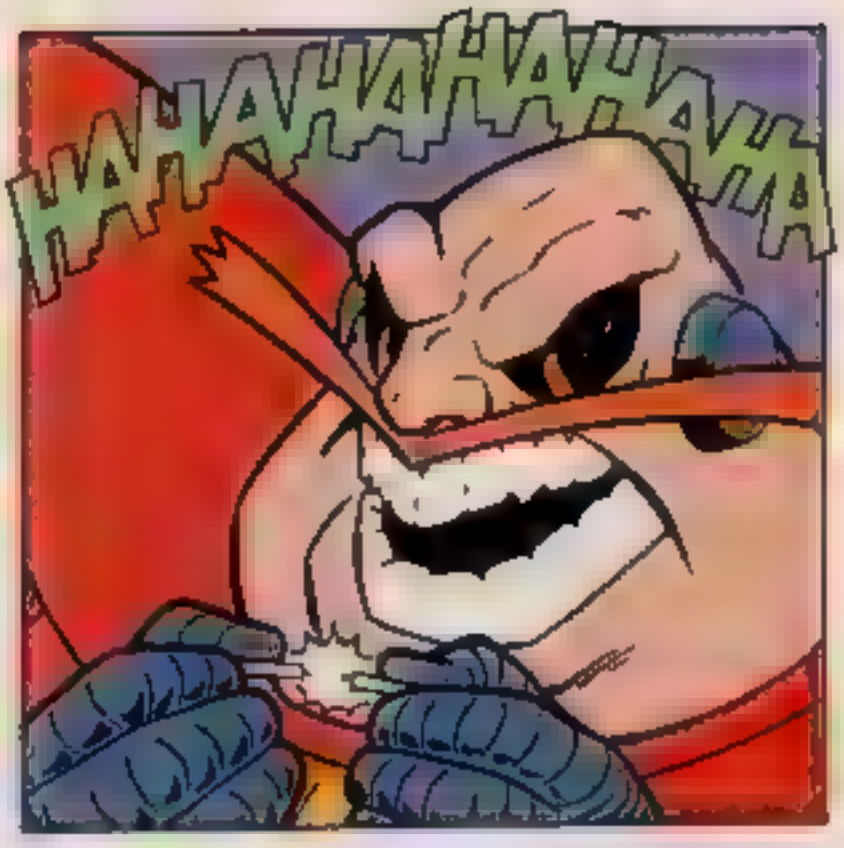

--OR MY SWATBOTS WILL PREPARE TODAY'S BLUE-PLATE SPECIAL BY FRICASSEEING YOUR FRIENDS!


NOT IF I PULL 'EM OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE THE 'BOTS' BEAMS START BLASTING!


THINK YOU COULD?
BY YOUR DEFINITION, I'M THE VILLAIN. THAT MEANS I'M CAPABLE OF ANY SICK, TWISTED, EVIL DEED.
THE SICKER, THE BETTER!
TAKE HIM!

YOU'LL HARM ONE HAIR ON THEIR HEADS--
YOU'LL WHAT?
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO DEMAND ANYTHING!
HOWEVER, TO PUT YOU AT EASE--


IT'S REALLY THE HAIR ON YOUR HEAD THAT I WISH TO HARM!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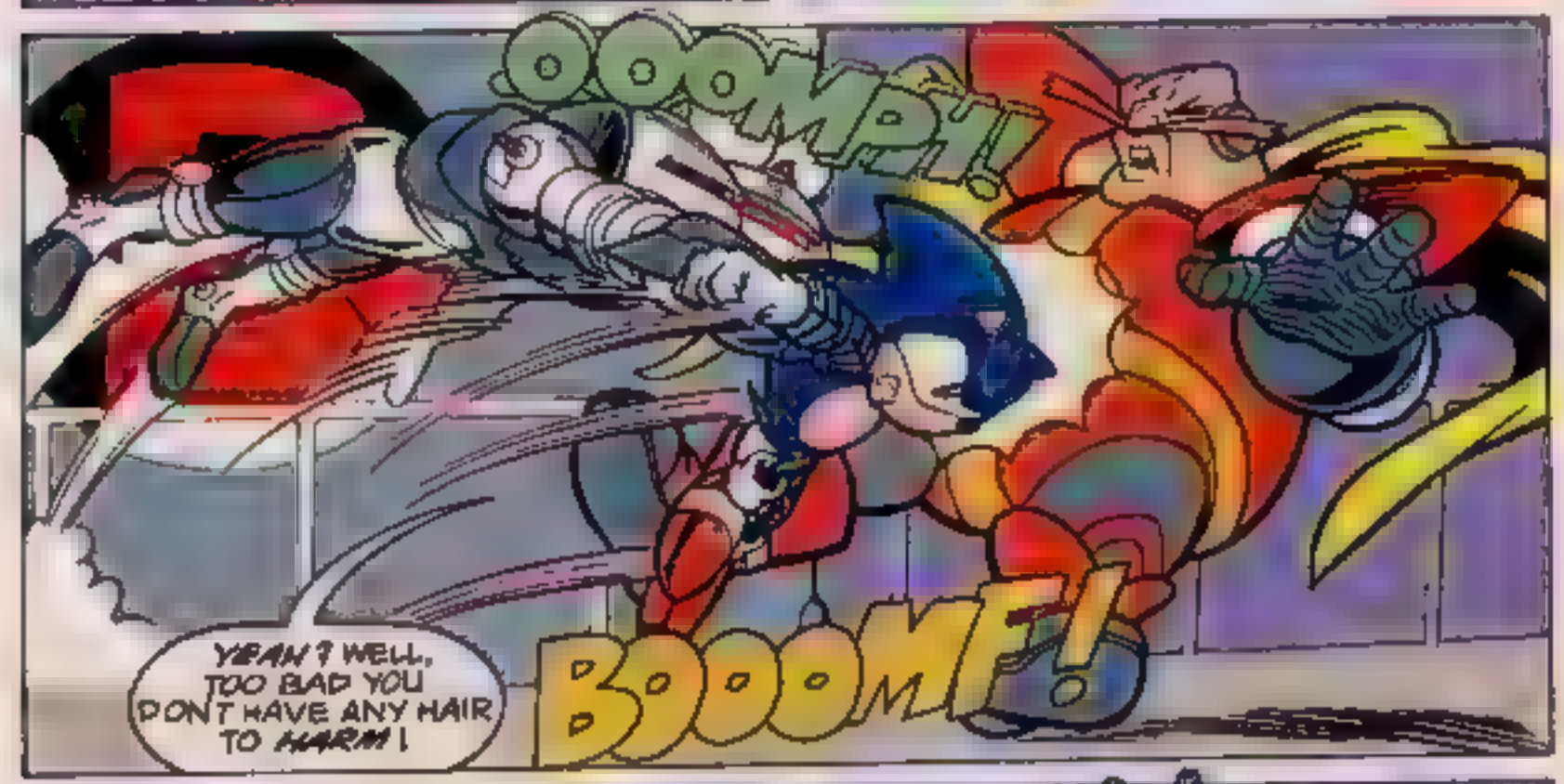
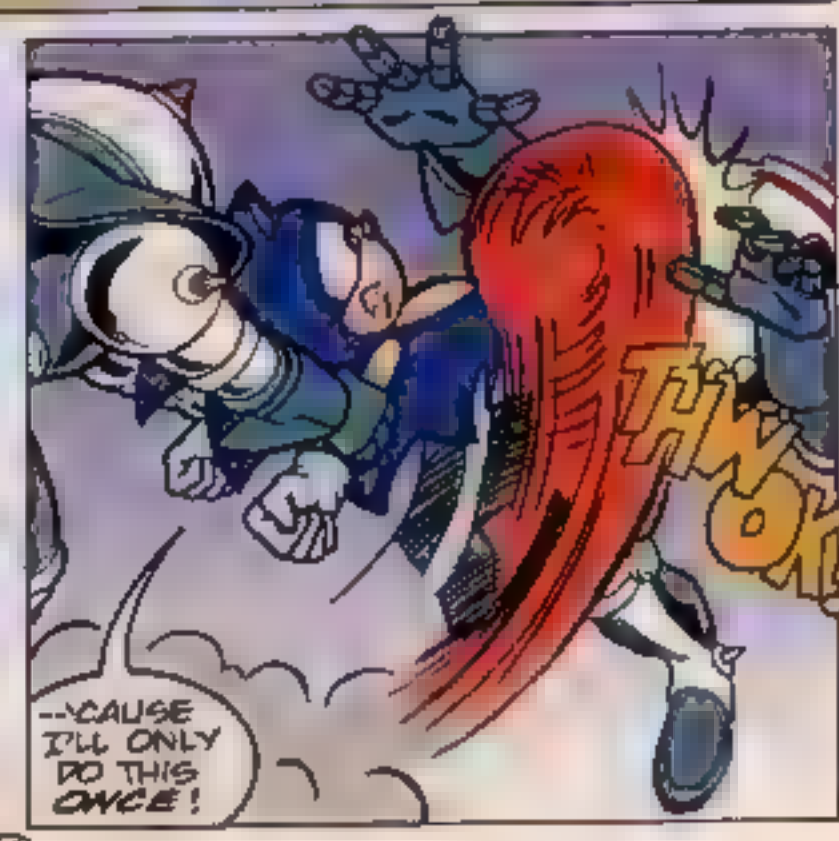

OOOMPH!
YEAH? WELL, TOO BAD YOU DON'T HAVE ANY HAIR TO HARM!
BOOOMF!

PAY ATTENTION, BOTS—


THWOK!
--CAUSE I'LL ONLY DO THIS ONCE!

HERE! HAVE SOME GOOD VIBRATIONS--

--TO REALLY MAKE MY DAY!

C'MON, GUYS!

WE GOTTA JUICE!

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?

THE GANG WILL BE OKAY--

--IF WE MOVE FAST TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT MISSILE CAN'T LAUNCH!

YAAAAAAAAAAAA ZOOOOOM YAAAAAAAAAAAA

YOU SURE THIS IS THE BEST WAY DOWN-

SCREEEEECH!

THAT WAS AWESOME, SONIC!

CAN WE DO IT AGAIN? CAN WE?

IN ANOTHER LIFE, GUYS! WHICH'LL OCCUR SHORTLY IF WE DON'T GET TO THE CONTROL ROOM!

WELL, WHADDYAKNOW! LOOKEE *WHAT* I FOUND!

NOW THAT WE'RE *IN* THE CONTROL ROOM, WE HAVE TO MAKE LIKE *INSTANT* ARCHEOLOGISTS!

I DON'T *UNDERSTAND*, SONIC!

THAT'S A *COUNTDOWN* UNDERWAY, JESSIE! WE HAVE TO *DECIPHER* THE HIEROGLYPHICS AND PRESS THE *RIGHT* SWITCH!

SIR--DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--*PLEASE*--YOU'VE GOT TO GET *UP*, SIR!

" I THINK *SOMETHING'S* GONE AWRY!"

IT'S *NOT* THIS ONE!

ZHIP!

NOPE! NOT THIS *EITHER*!

MAYBE--?

THE COUNTDOWN--THE *LAUNCH* SEQUENCE HAS BEEN *ACTIVATED*!

SNIVELY, I MUST HAVE *FALLEN* ON MY REMOTE CONTROL!

OH, WHAT *SHALL* WE DO, DOCTOR?

SONIC, *ROBOTNIK'S* UP'N'KICKING--

--AND THE MISS LES' ENGINES ARE *FIRING*

UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE IT DOWN THE GANTRY!

THEN-- THIS IS IT?!

"NOT QUITE, SNIVELY! THERE ARE ALWAYS POSSIBILITIES!"

IF I HAVE TO MAKE A SELECTION, AS BEST AS I CAN FIGURE OUT--

--IT'S ONE OF THESE THREE BUTTONS!

THAT BLASTED HEDGEHOG SEEMINGLY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!

BUT WHAT IF HE DIDN'T?

WHAT IF HE CAME-- FROM THERE?

"FROM WHERE?"

ARE YOU SURE?

EVEN SO, IT'S ONE CHANCE OUT OF THREE!

DON'T YOU GUYS KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?

BY THE WAY-- I LOVE THE SHIRT!

FROM SOMEWHERE THROUGH A TRANSDIMENSIONAL PORTAL--

--WHICH I BELIEVE THAT TO BE!

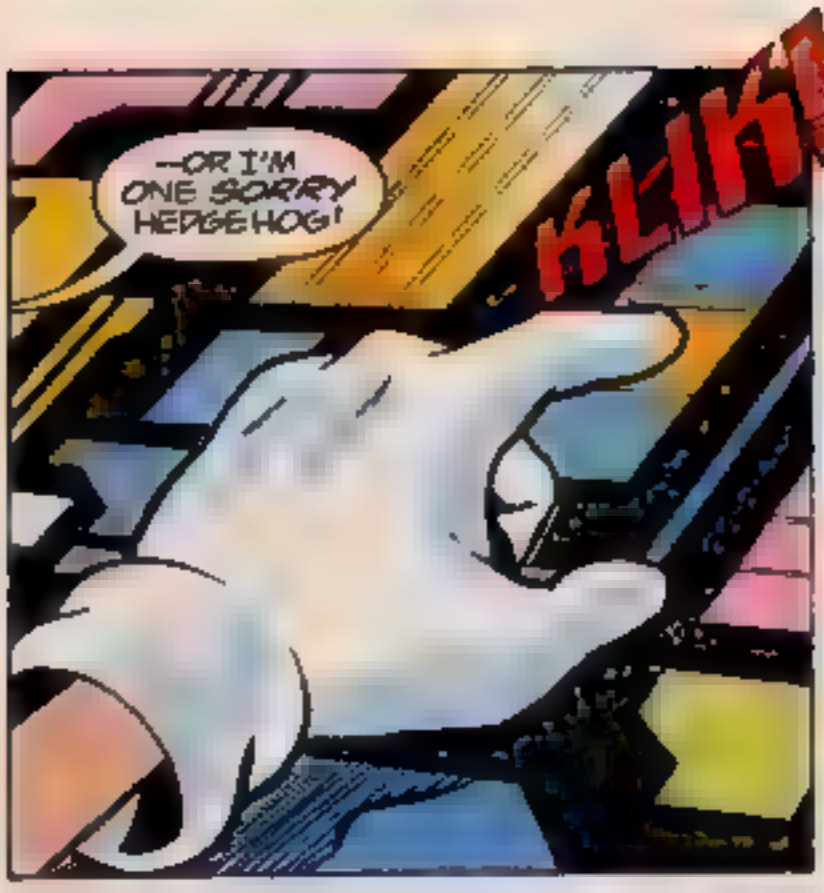
LET'S GO, SNIVELY!

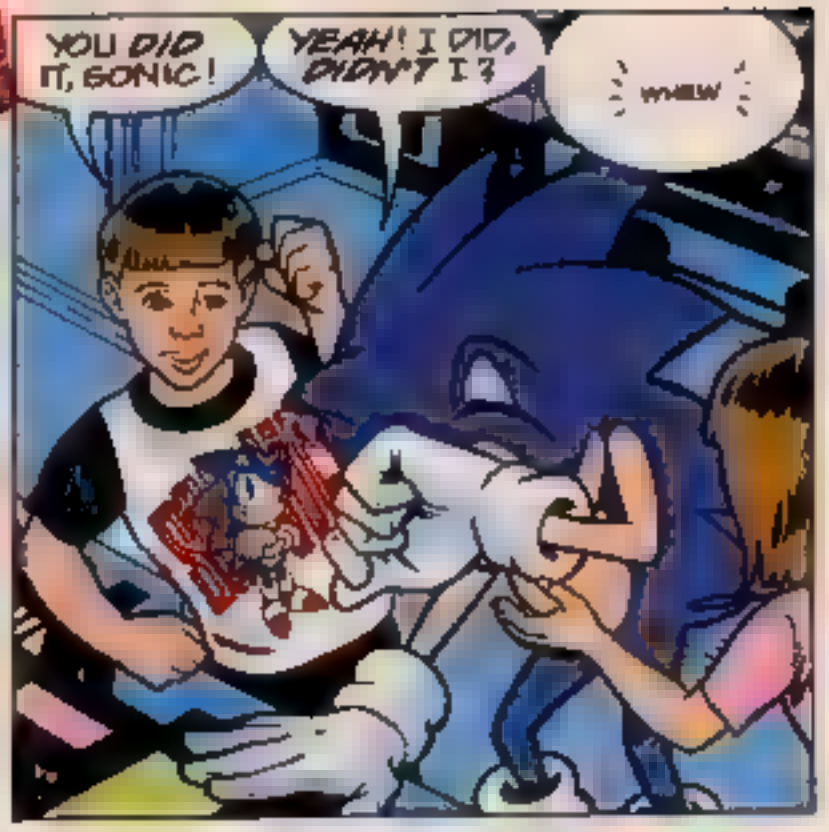
GO? GO WHERE?!

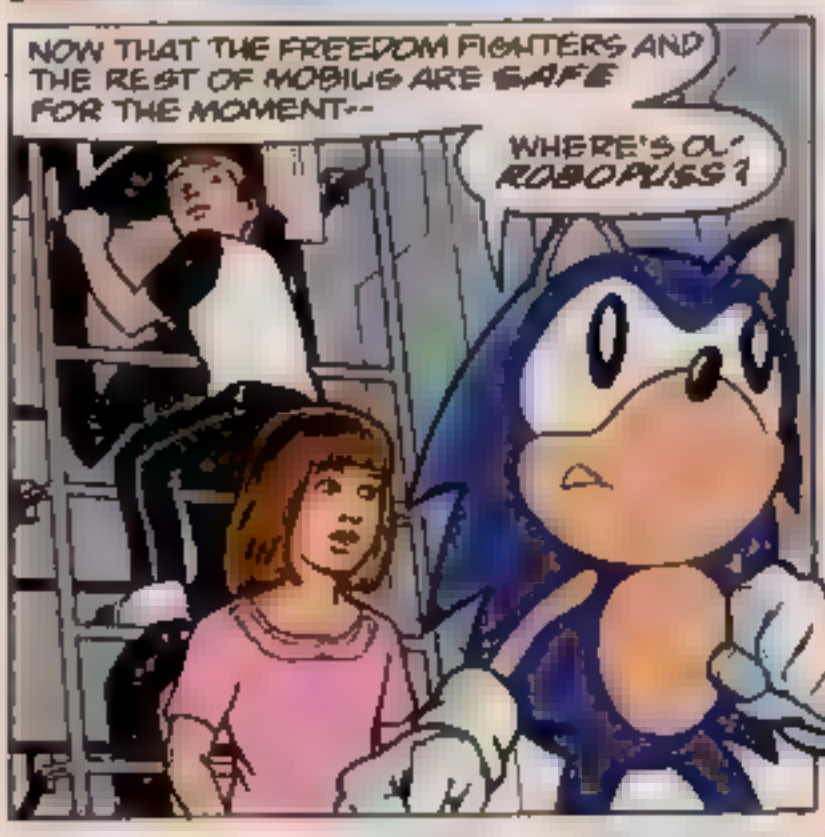
"WHERE WE CAN GET AWAY FROM IT ALL, OF COURSE!"

AS SIMPLE AS EENIE-MEENIE-MINEY-MO...

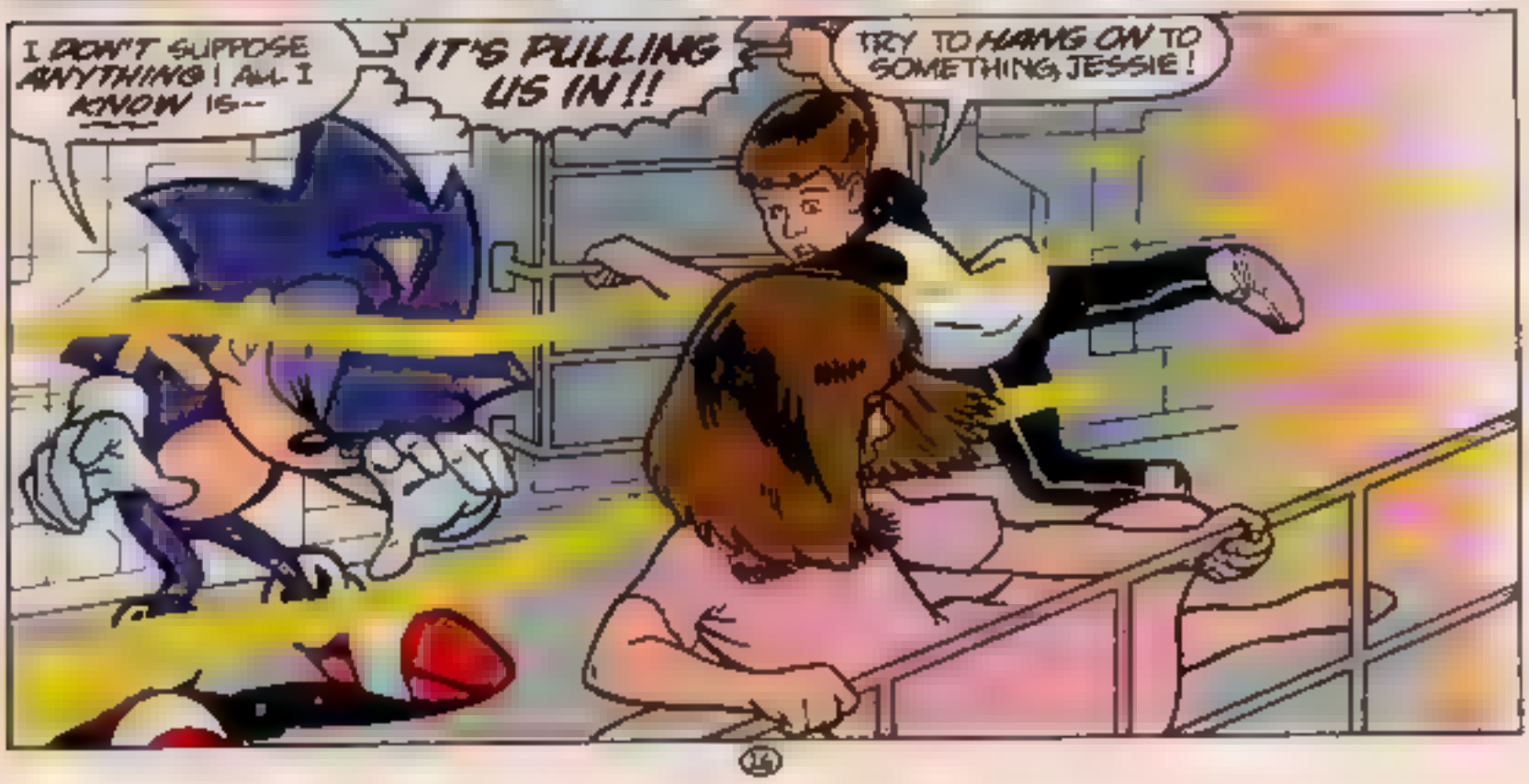
IT'S EITHER THIS--

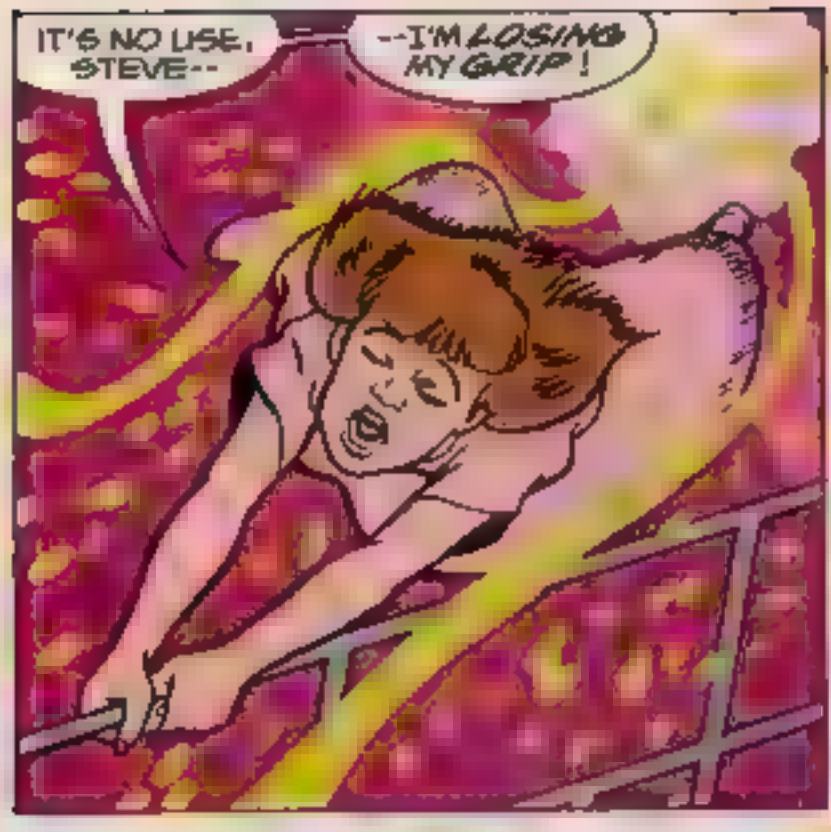

--OR I'M ONE SORRY HEDGEHOG!
KLIK!


YOU DID IT, SONIC!
YEAH! I DID, DIDN'T I?
WHEW


NOW THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND THE REST OF MOBIUS ARE SAFE FOR THE MOMENT--
WHERE'S OL' ROBOPUSS?

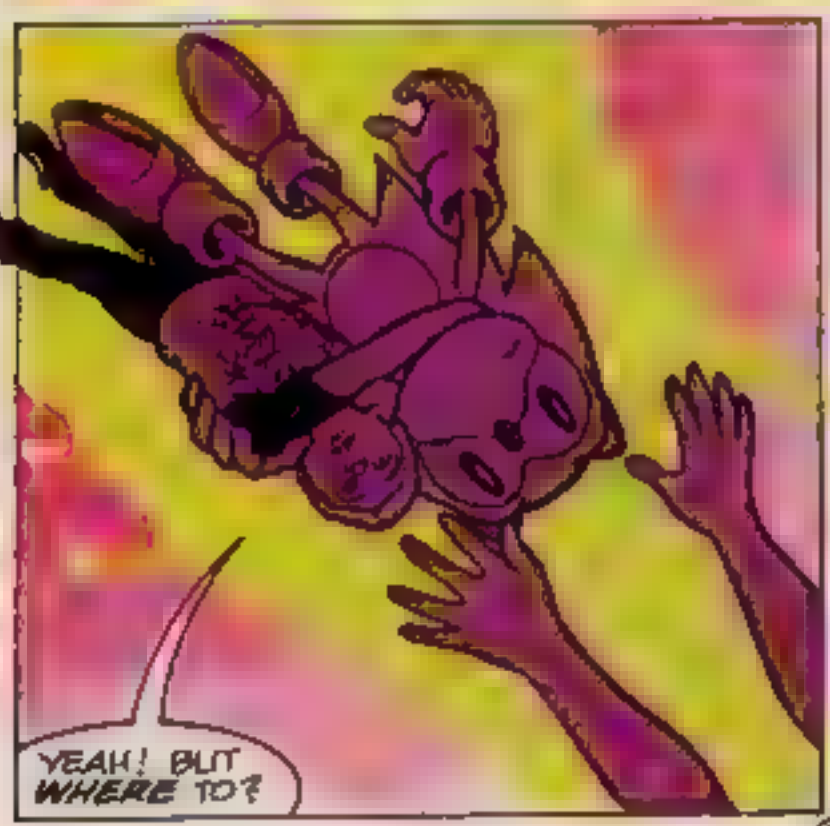
SONIC! THAT GLOW OVER THERE!
YOU DON'T SUPPOSE--?

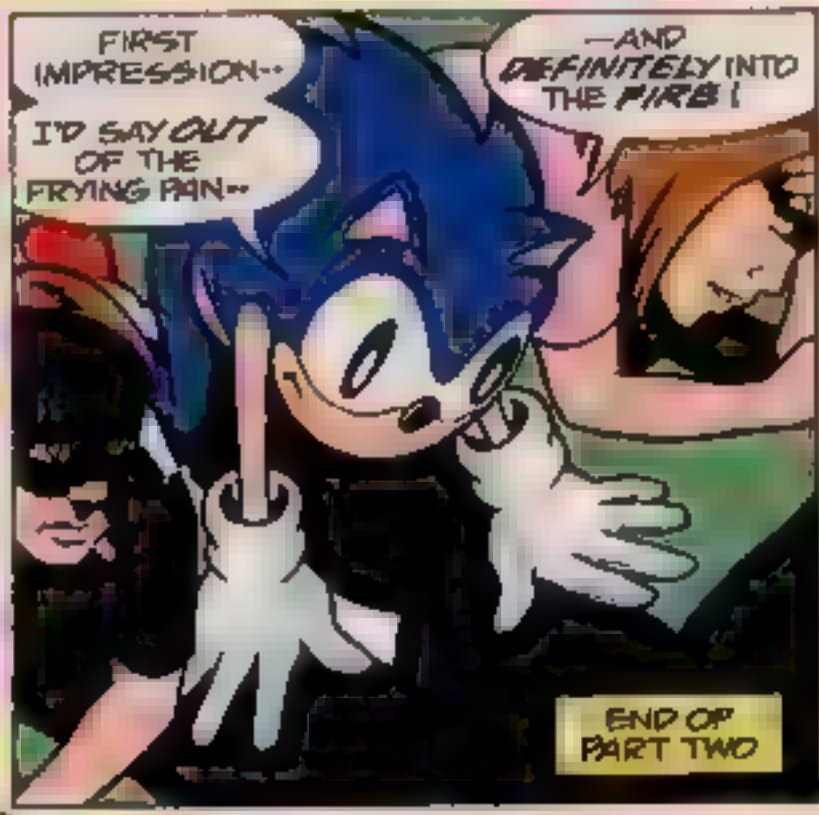

I DON'T SUPPOSE ANYTHING! ALL I KNOW IS--
IT'S PULLING US IN!!
TRY TO HANG ON TO SOMETHING, JESSIE!


IT'S NO USE, STEVE--
--I'M LOSING MY GRIP!

JESSIE!!

THERE ISN'T ANY CHOICE NOW, LI'L BUDDY--
WE'VE GOT'A FOLLOW HER!


YEAH! BUT WHERE TO?


FIRST IMPRESSION--
I'D SAY OUT OF THE FRYING PAN--
--AND DEFINITELY INTO THE FIRE!
END OF PART TWO

WELCOME, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND YOUR FRIENDS AS WELL!

THE LAST GAME CARTRIDGE HERO

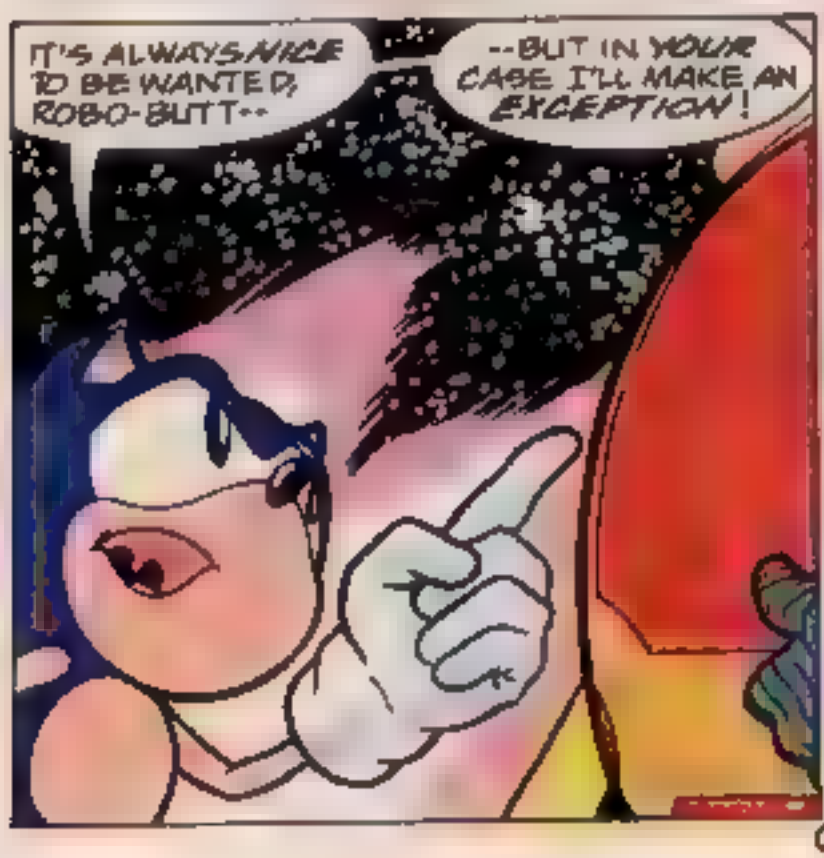
PART III

FOR ONCE, I HAVE YOU EXACTLY WHERE I WANT YOU!

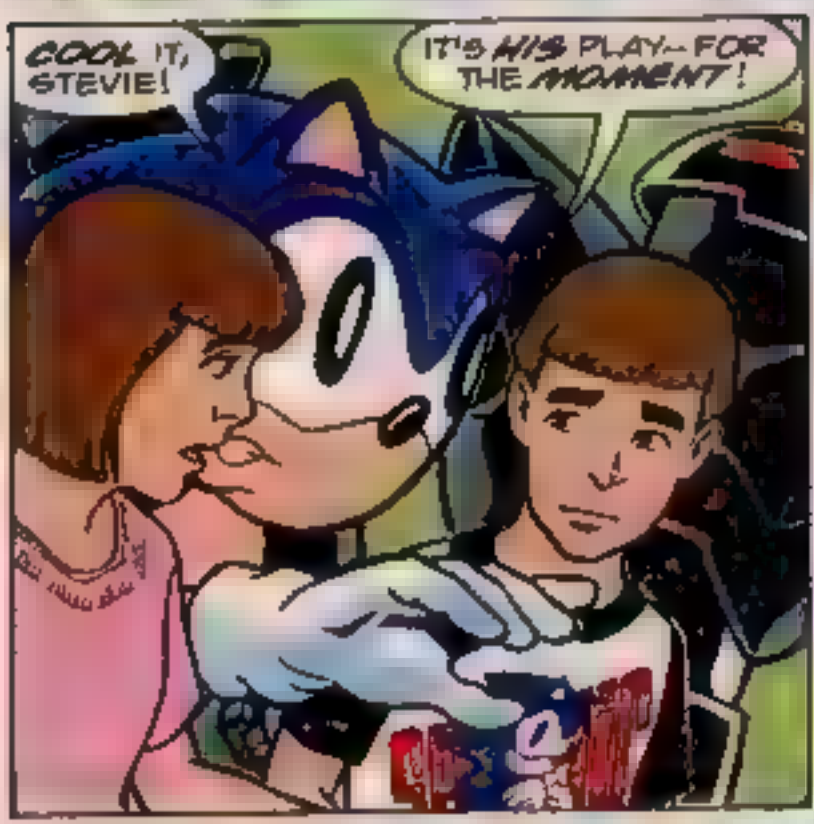
THIS IS SO WEIRD!

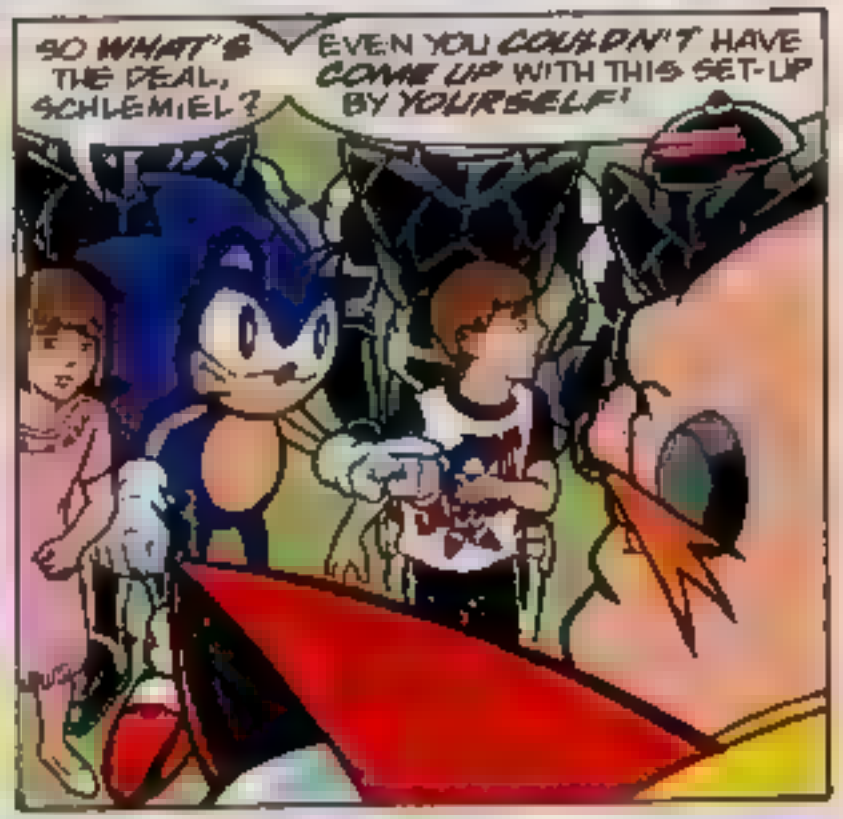
NOW YOU LOOK LIKE YOU STEPPED OUT OF A SPEED RIDER CARTOON!

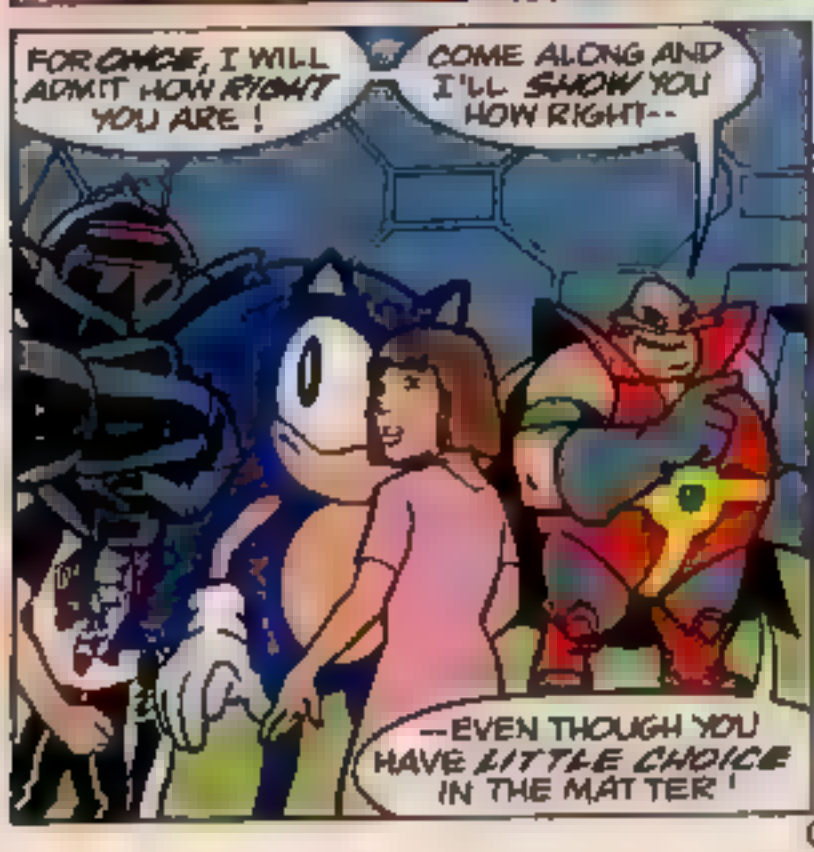
I WOULDN'T TALK IF I WERE YOU!

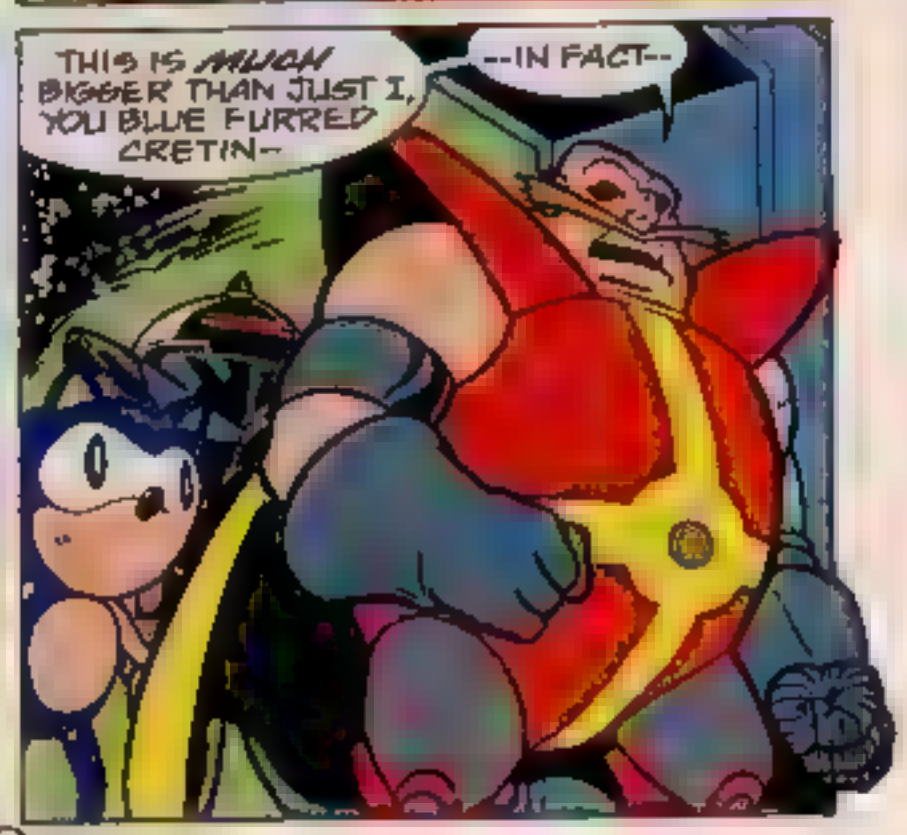


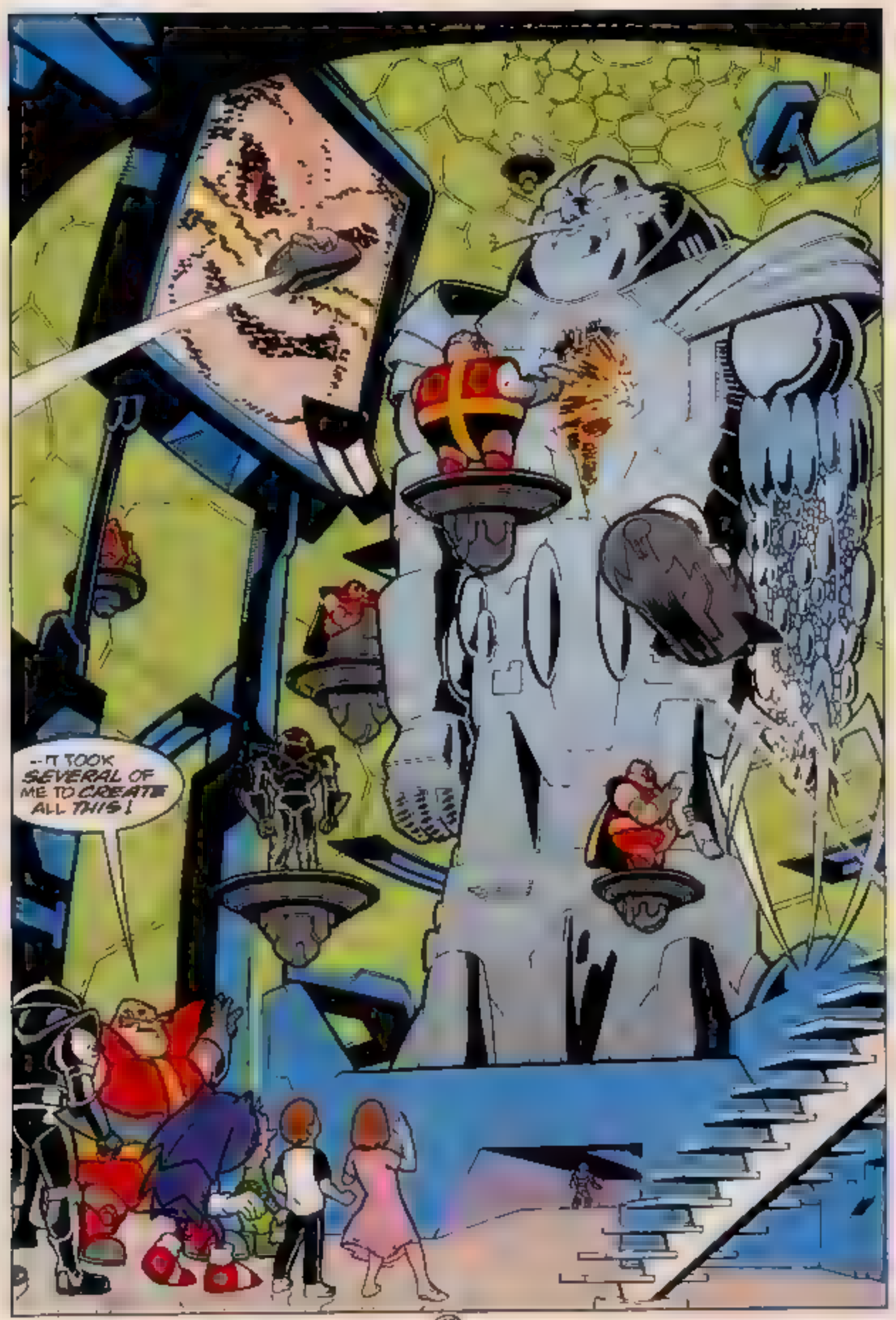
DON'T TRY ANYTHING STUPID, HEDGEHOG!
YOUR FRIENDS WON'T BE LONG FOR THIS OR ANY OTHER WORLD IF YOU DO!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, SONIC!



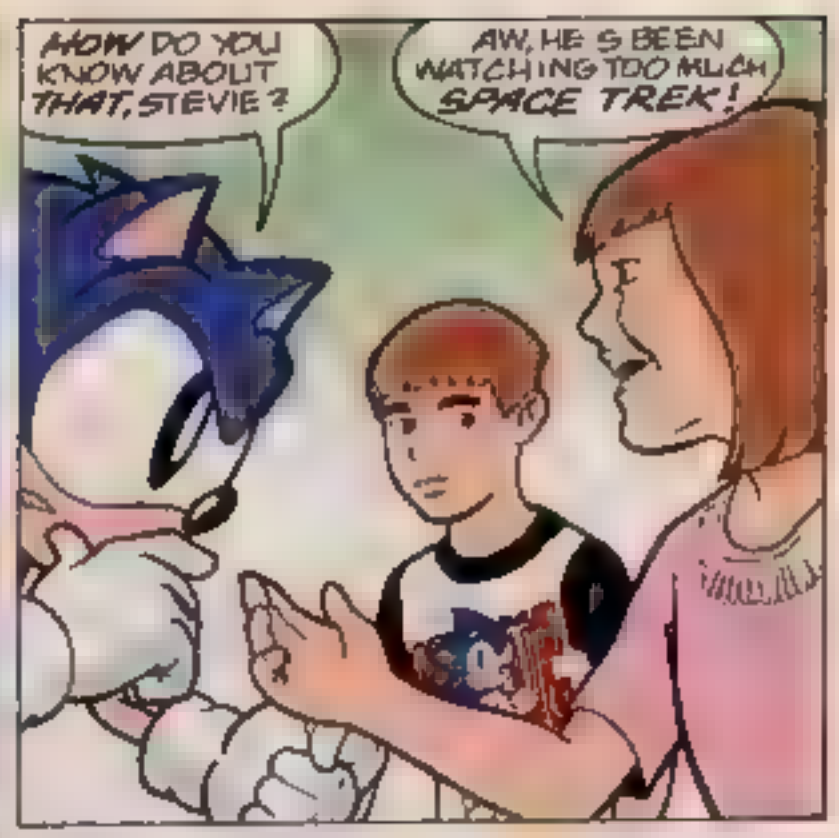


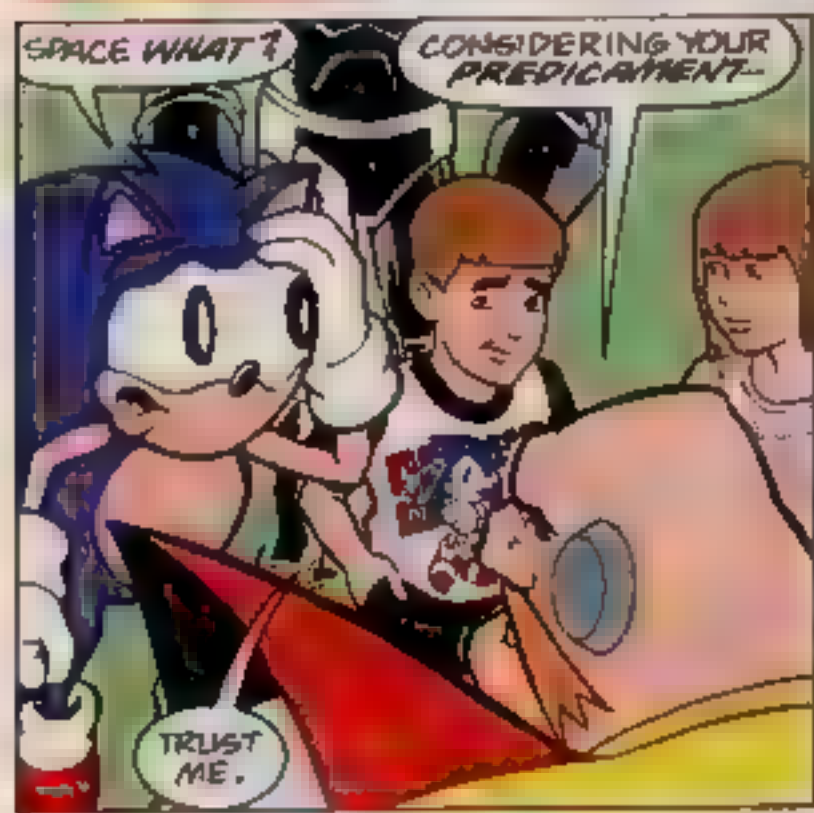


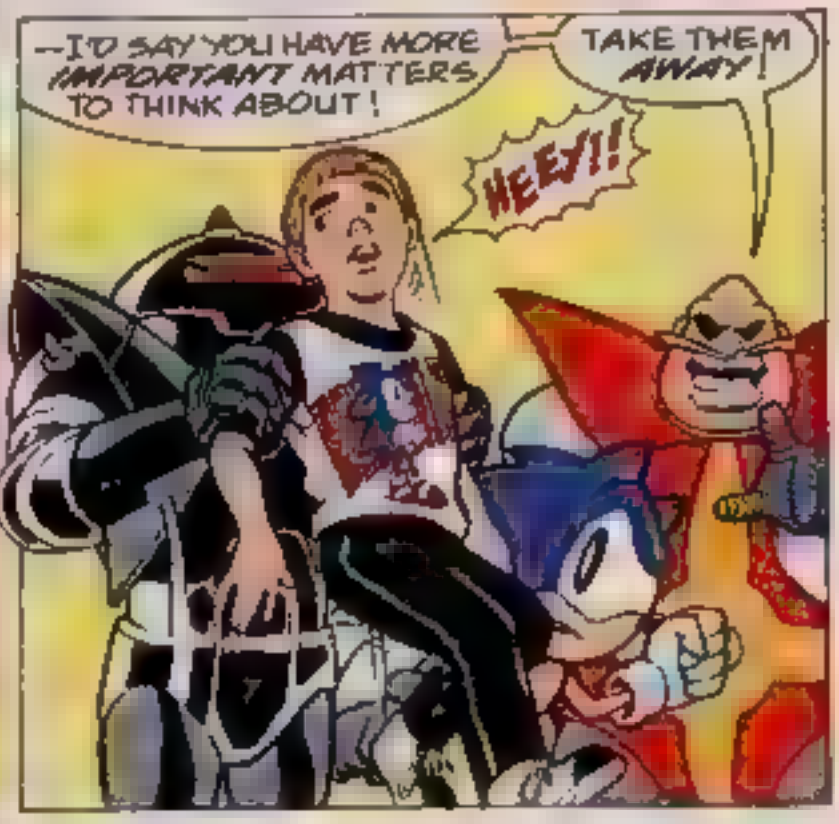


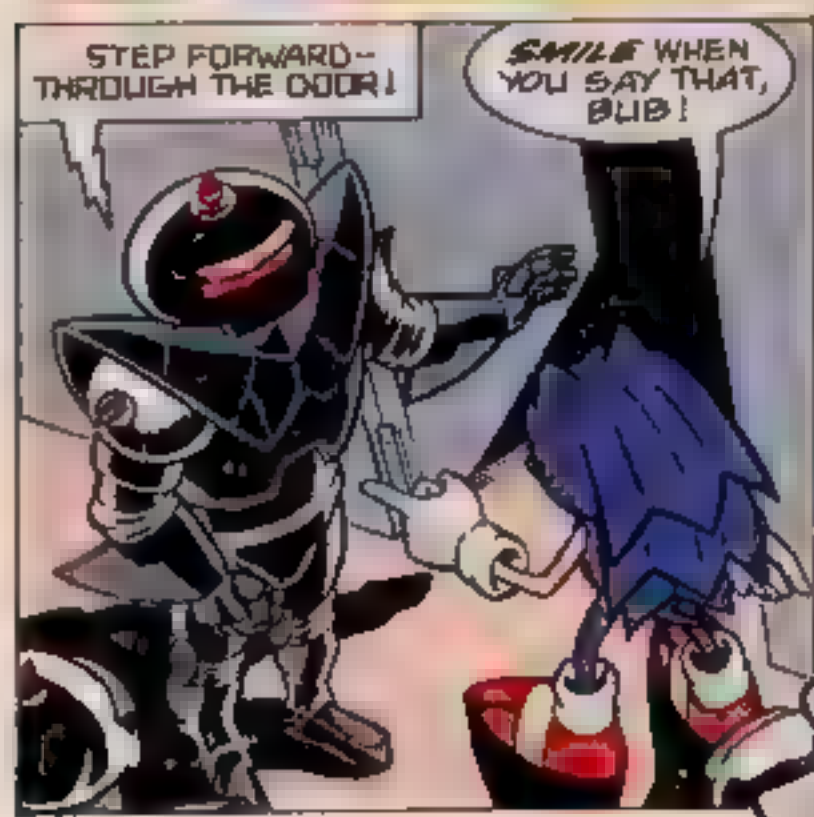

--IT TOOK SEVERAL OF ME TO CREATE ALL THIS!

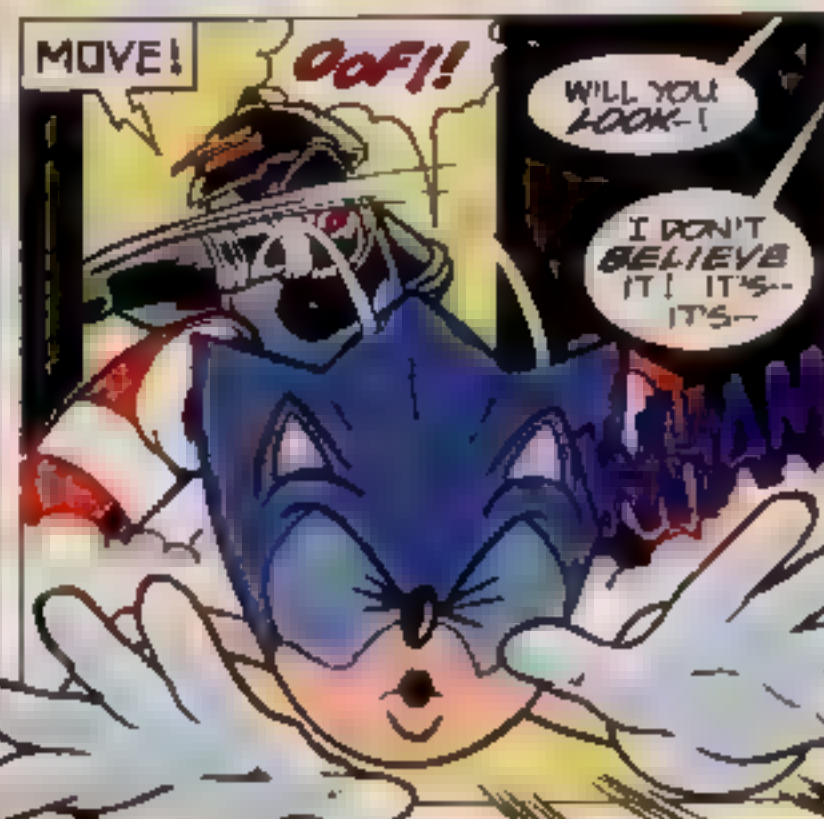
WELCOME TO YOUR NIGHTMARE, HEDGEHOG!
I GET IT! MULTIPLE UNIVERSES, RIGHT?


HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT, STEVIE?
AW, HE'S BEEN WATCHING TOO MUCH SPACE TREK!

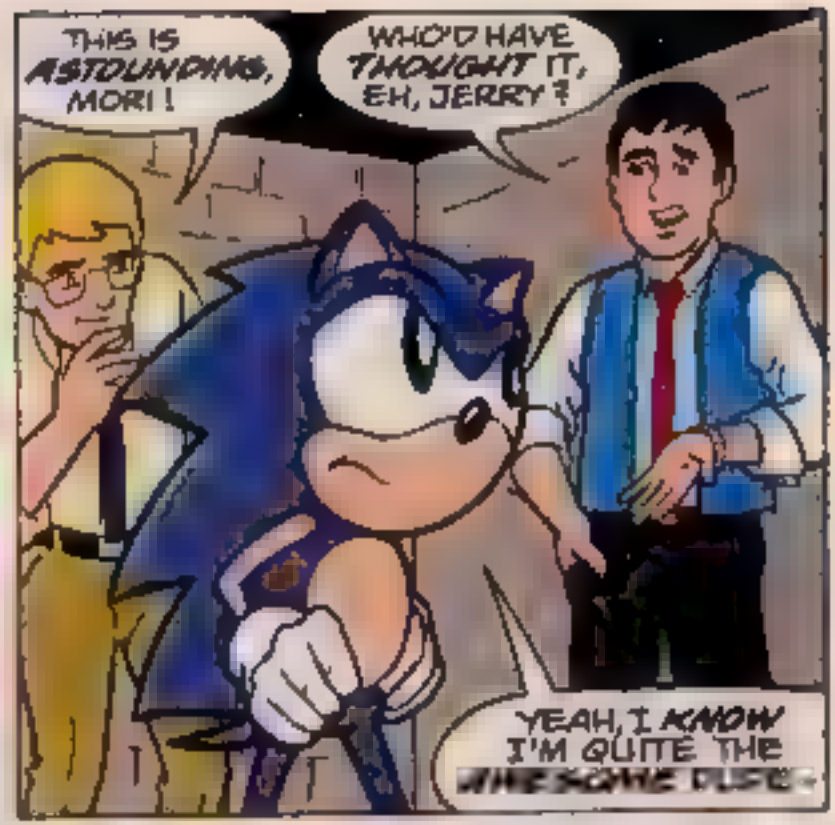

SPACE WHAT?
CONSIDERING YOUR PREDICAMENT--
TRUST ME.

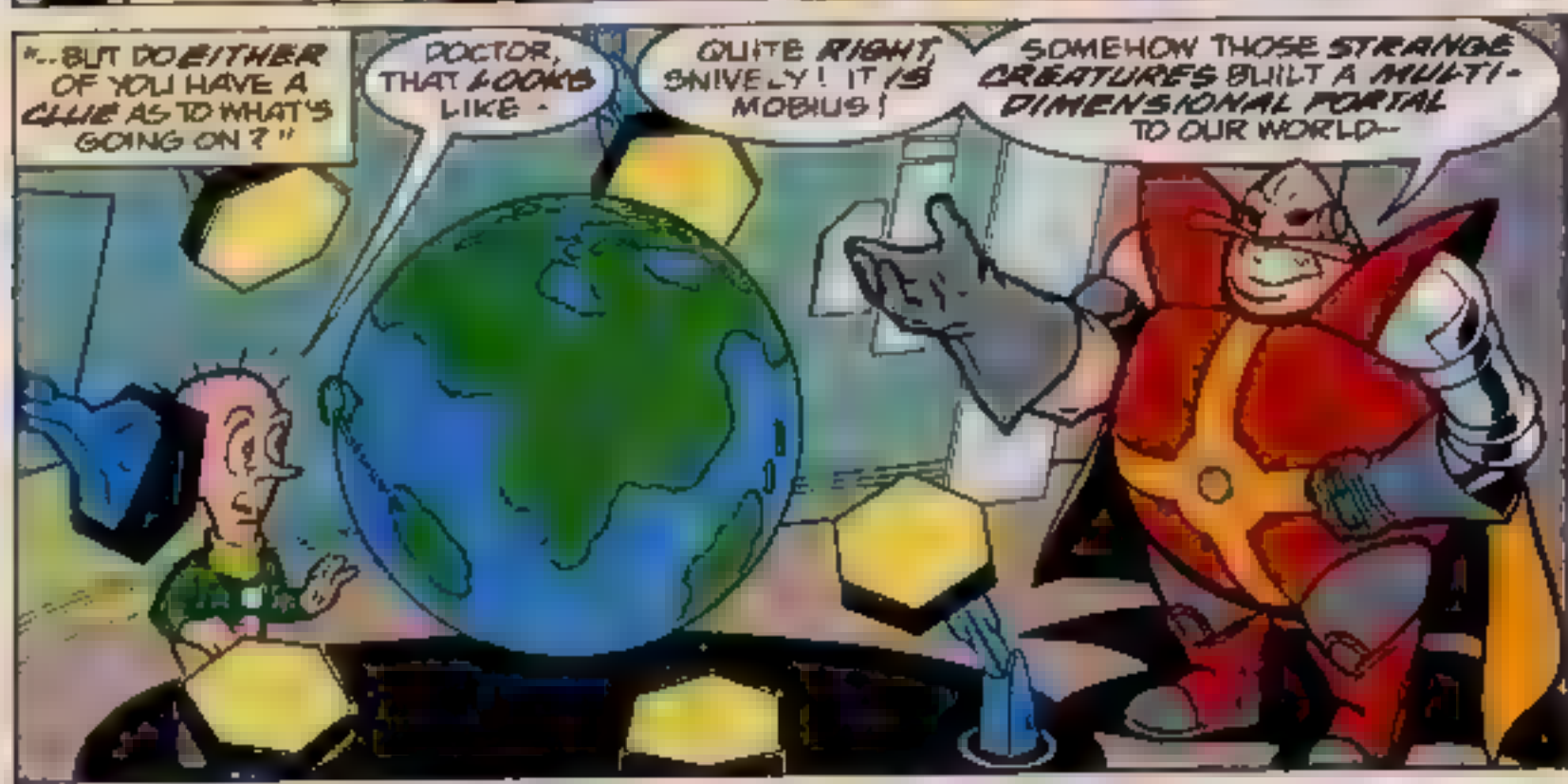

--I'D SAY YOU HAVE MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO THINK ABOUT!
TAKE THEM AWAY!
HEEY!!

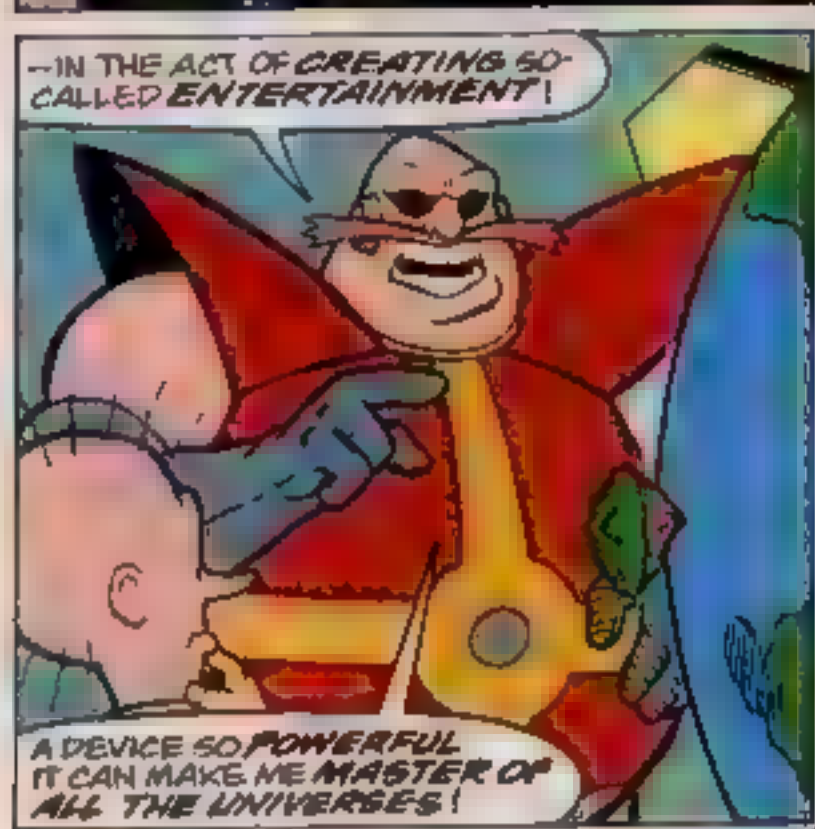

STEP FORWARD-- THROUGH THE DOOR!
SMILE WHEN YOU SAY THAT, BUB!


MOVE!
OOF!!
WILL YOU LOOK--!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S-- IT'S--

SONIC!!
THAT'S MY NAME! JUST DON'T WEAR IT OUT.
OOOW!


THIS IS ASTOUNDING, MORI!
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT, EH, JERRY?
YEAH, I KNOW I'M QUITE THE


"...BUT DO EITHER OF YOU HAVE A CLUE AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON?"
DOCTOR, THAT LOOKS LIKE -
QUITE RIGHT, SNIVELY! IT IS MOBIUS!
SOMEHOW THOSE STRANGE CREATURES BUILT A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL PORTAL TO OUR WORLD--


--IN THE ACT OF CREATING SO-CALLED ENTERTAINMENT!
A DEVICE SO POWERFUL IT CAN MAKE ME MASTER OF ALL THE UNIVERSES!

COMPARED TO THE POWER OF THIS DEVICE, LOSING MY KILLER SATELLITES IS SMALL POTATOES, INDEED!
I THINK YOU'RE FORGETTING ONE THING--

--YOU'RE *NOT* THE ONE CALLING THE SHOTS *HERE*!

LOOKS LIKE THE *NATIVES* ARE *RESTLESS*, SNIVELY!

I *DON'T* LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS, DOCTOR--

"-- I DON'T *LIKE* THIS AT *ALL*!"

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M *NOT REAL*?

IN *OUR* WORLD, YOU'RE JUST A *CHARACTER* IN A *GAME CARTRIDGE*!

ONE OF OUR *STAFF ARTISTS* DID A SERIES OF *SKETCHES* AND YOU WERE THE *RESULT*!

OR SO WE WERE *TOLD*, UNTIL WE FOUND OUT *DIFFERENT*!

APPARENTLY THE SKETCHES WERE BASED ON *TRANS-MISSIONS* RECEIVED OVER A *PROTOTYPE DEVICE*!

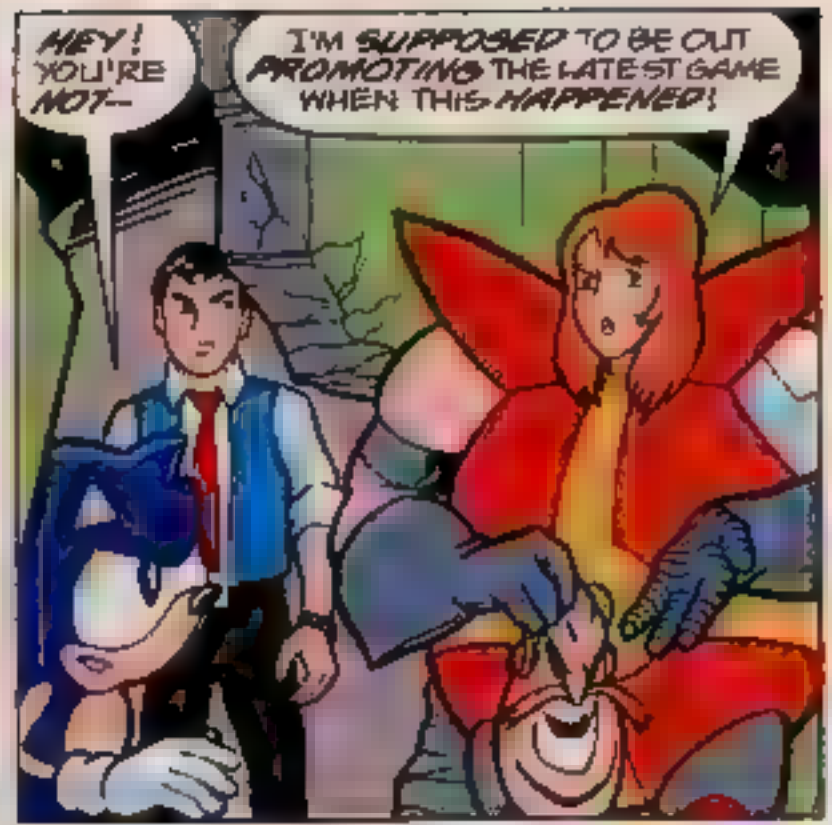
NOBODY HAD SEEN *ANYTHING* LIKE IT, SO WE KEPT IT *QUIET*!

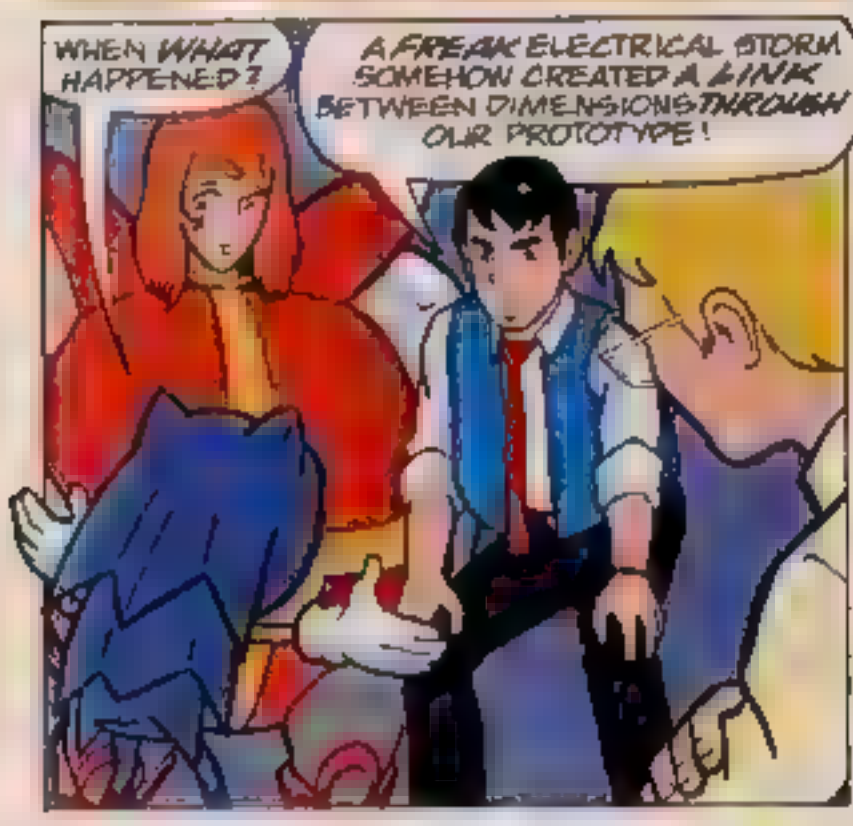
WELL, YOU *BETTER* KEEP IT QUIET IF YOU *HOPE* TO GET *OUT*!

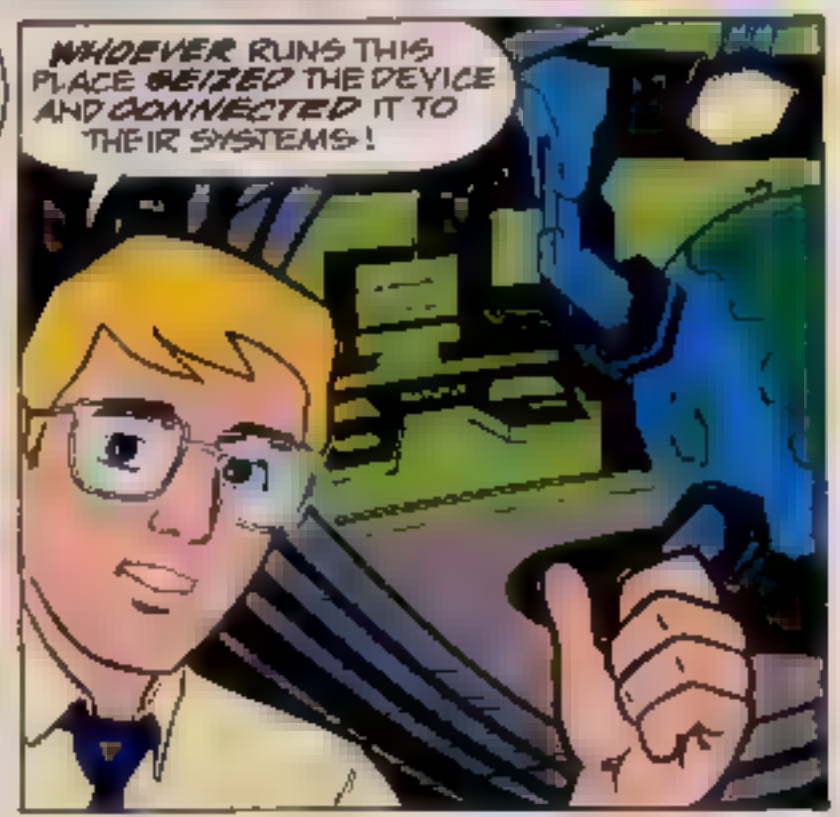
STAND BACK!

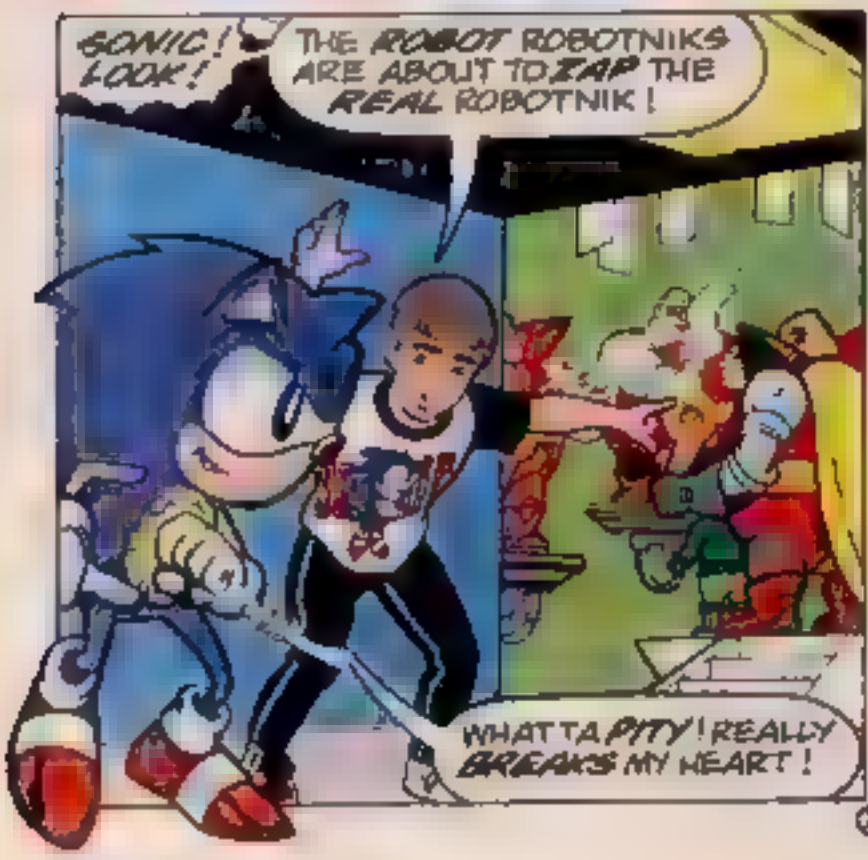
WHA--? *ROBOTNIK*?!!

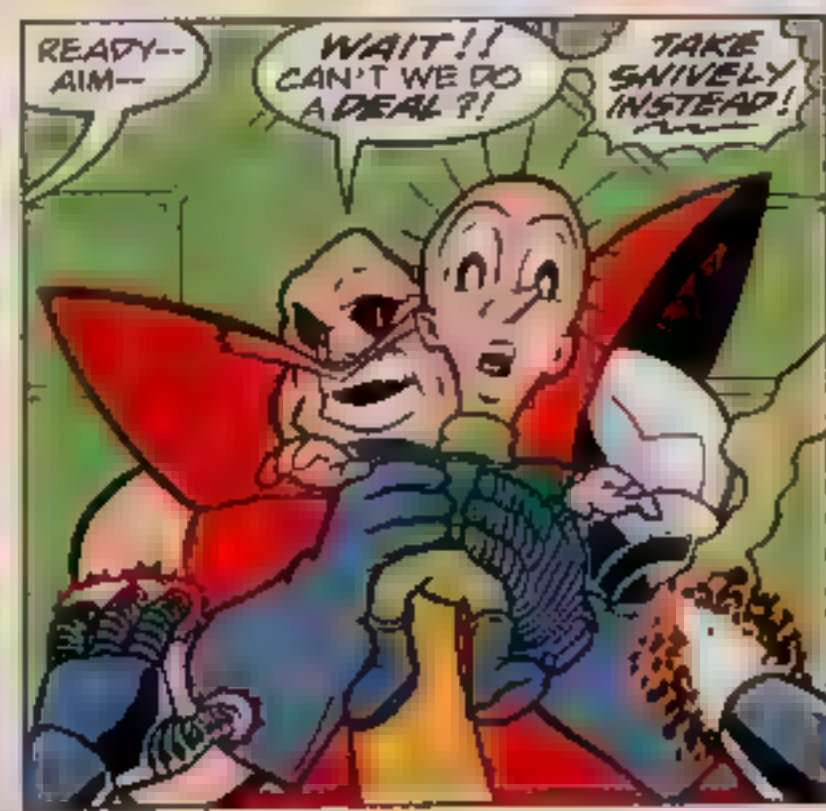
KABOOM

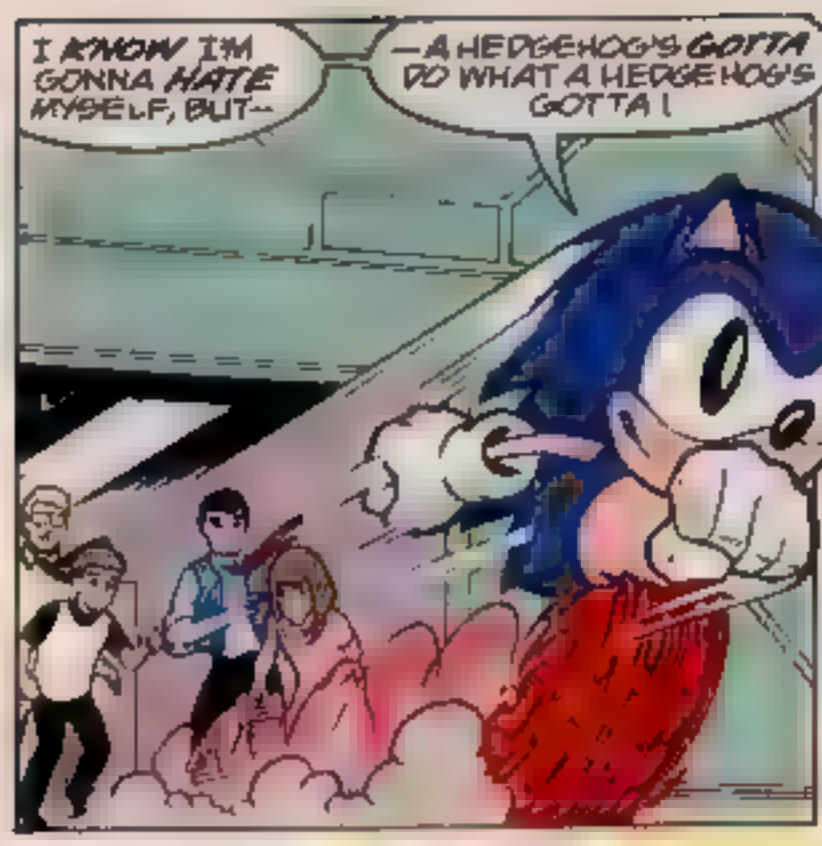

HEY! YOU'RE NOT--
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE OUT PROMOTING THE LATEST GAME WHEN THIS HAPPENED!

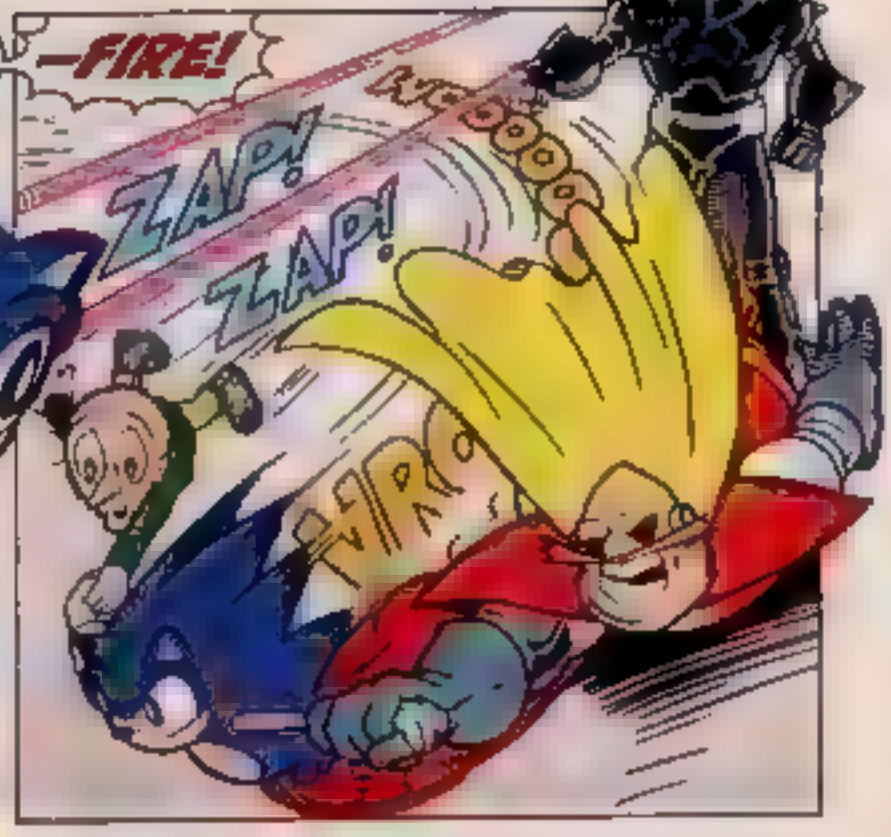

WHEN WHAT HAPPENED?
A FREAK ELECTRICAL STORM SOMEHOW CREATED A LINK BETWEEN DIMENSIONS THROUGH OUR PROTOTYPE!

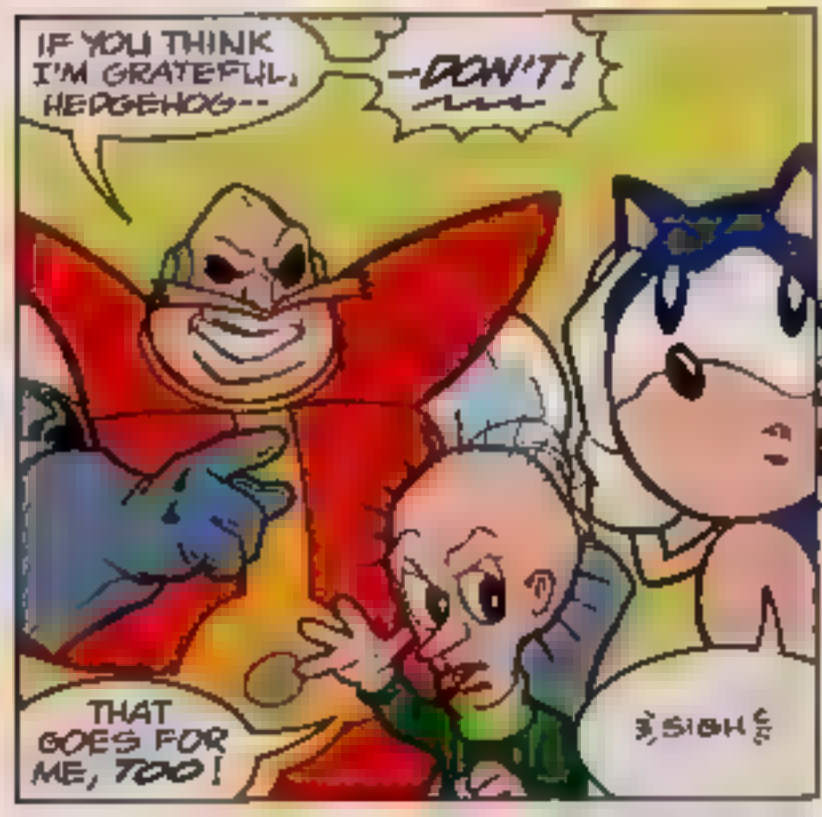

WHOEVER RUNS THIS PLACE SEIZED THE DEVICE AND CONNECTED IT TO THEIR SYSTEMS!

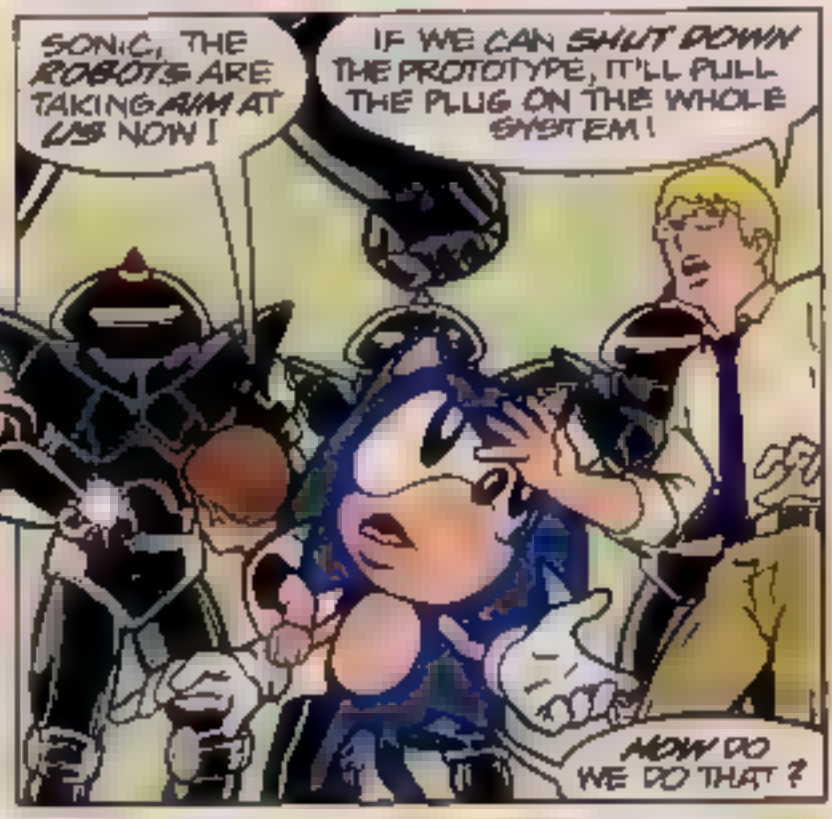

SONIC! LOOK!
THE ROBOT ROBOTNIKS ARE ABOUT TO ZAP THE REAL ROBOTNIK!
WHAT TA PITY! REALLY BREAKS MY HEART!

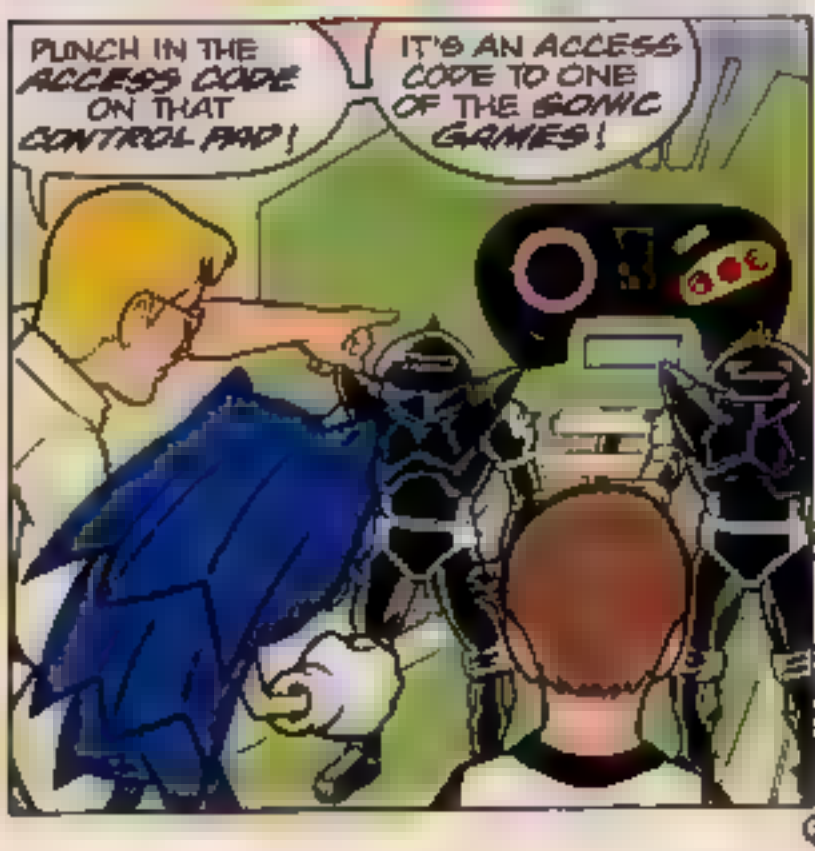

READY-- AIM--
WAIT!! CAN'T WE DO A DEAL?!
TAKE SNIVELY INSTEAD!

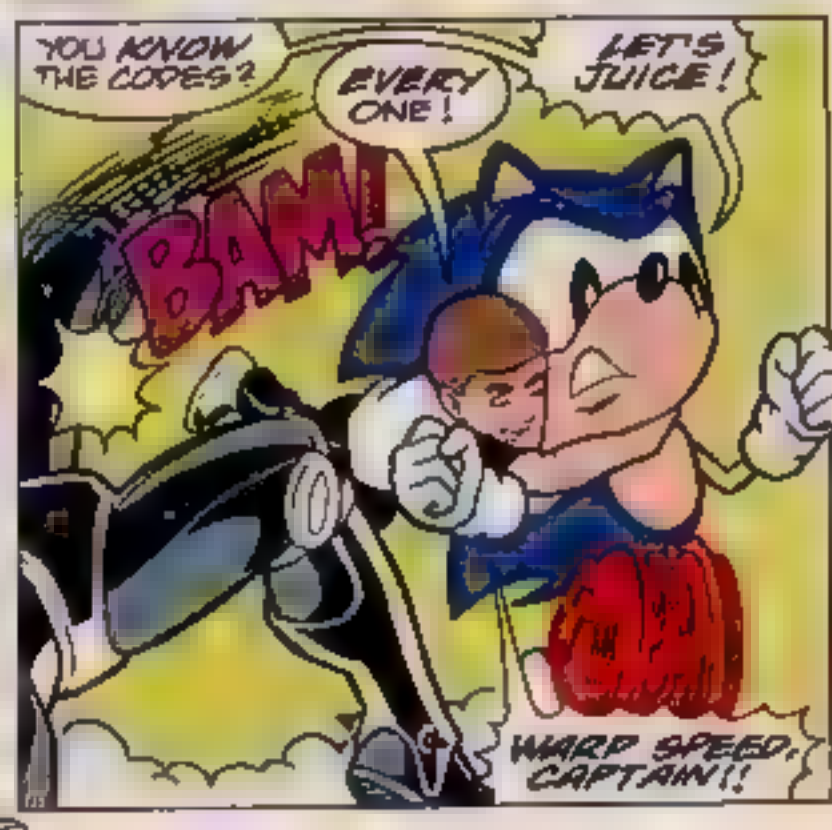

I KNOW I'M GONNA HATE MYSELF, BUT--
--A HEDGEHOG'S GOTTA DO WHAT A HEDGEHOG'S GOTTA!

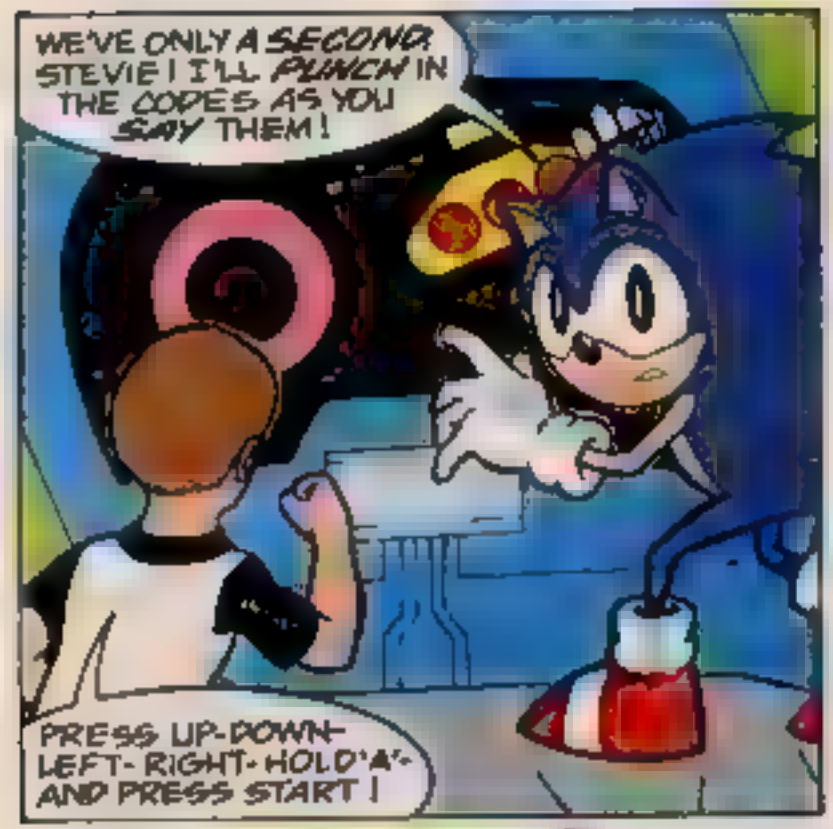

--FIRE!
ZAP!
ZAP!


IF YOU THINK I'M GRATEFUL, HEDGEHOG--
--DON'T!
THAT GOES FOR ME, TOO!
SIGH

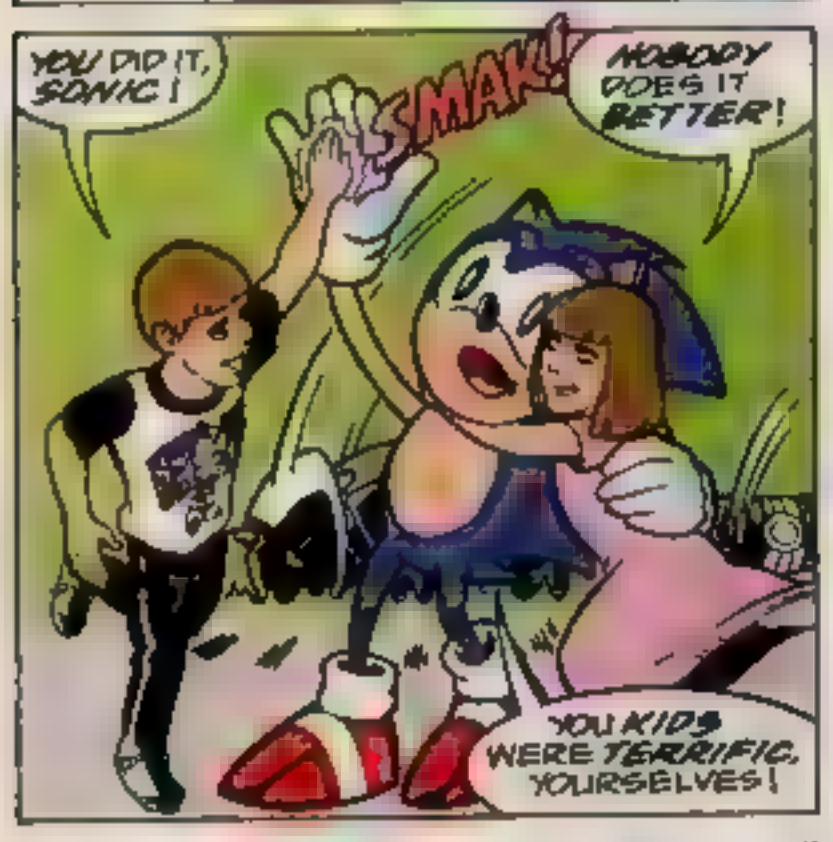

SONIC, THE ROBOTS ARE TAKING AIM AT US NOW!
IF WE CAN SHUT DOWN THE PROTOTYPE, IT'LL PULL THE PLUG ON THE WHOLE SYSTEM!
HOW DO WE DO THAT?

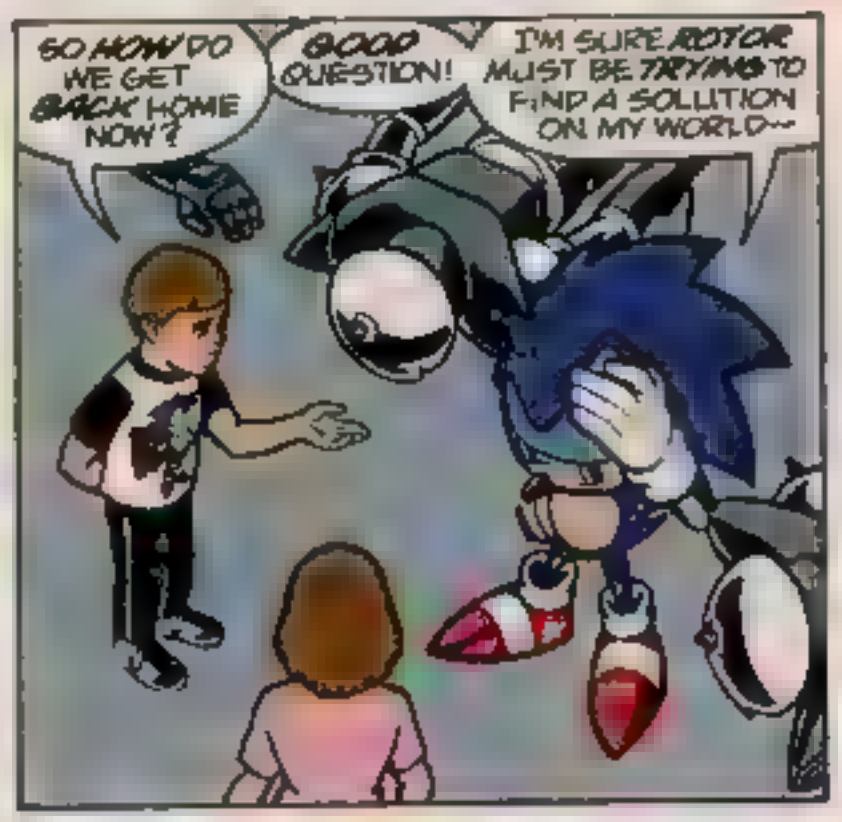

PUNCH IN THE ACCESS CODE ON THAT CONTROL PAD!
IT'S AN ACCESS CODE TO ONE OF THE SONIC GAMES!

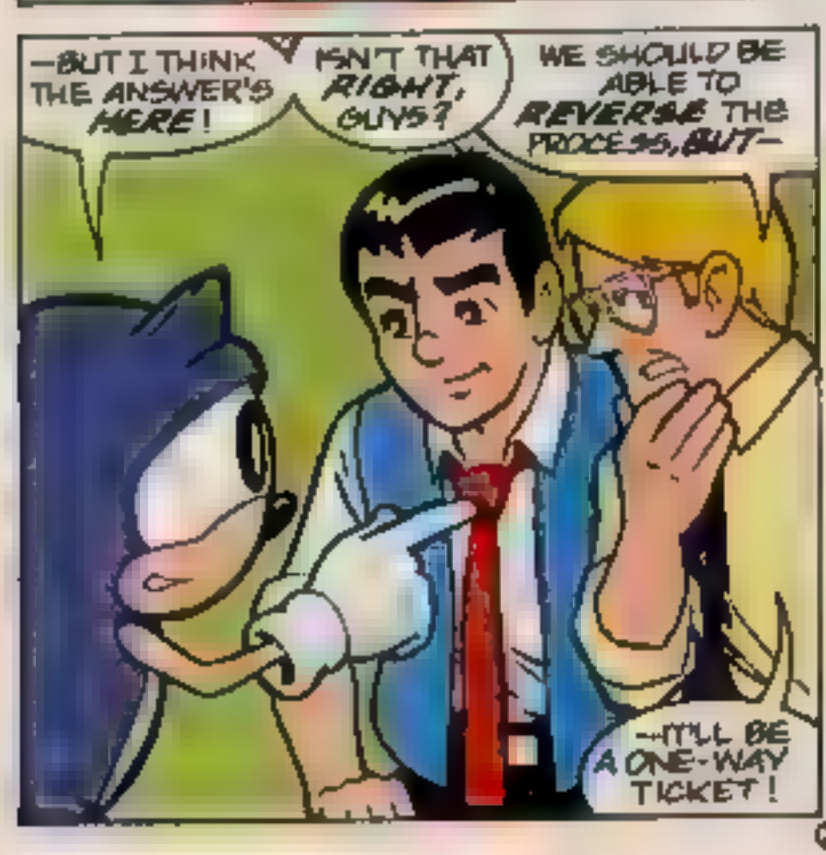

YOU KNOW THE CODES?
EVERY ONE!
LET'S JUICE!
BAM!
WARP SPEED, CAPTAIN!!

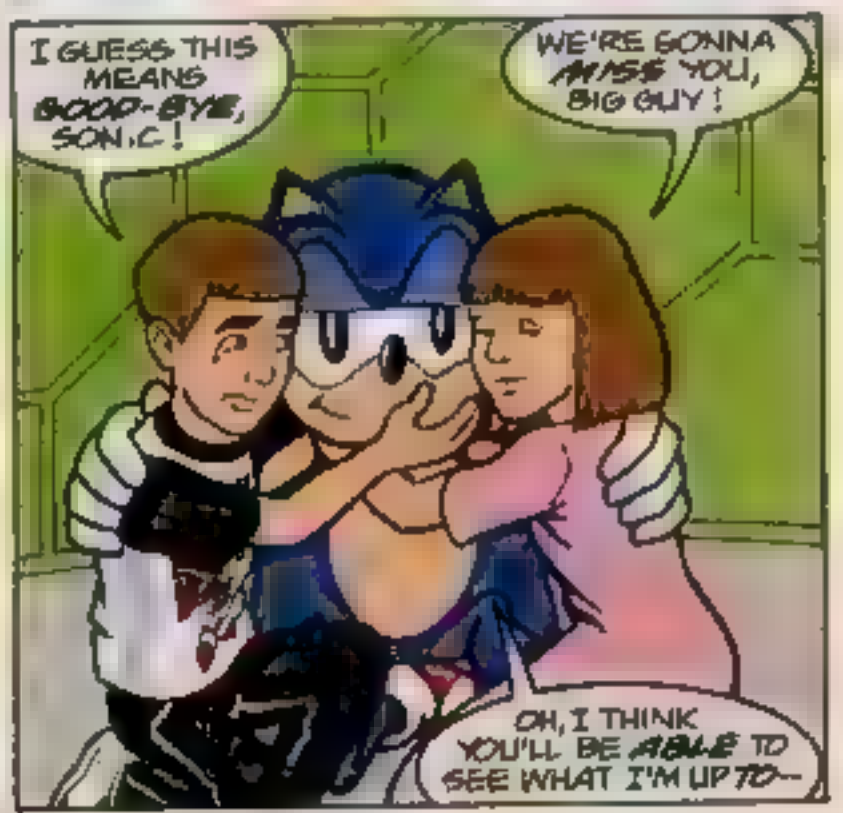

WE'VE ONLY A SECOND, STEVIE! I'LL PUNCH IN THE CODES AS YOU SAY THEM!
PRESS UP-DOWN-LEFT-RIGHT-HOLD 'A'- AND PRESS START!

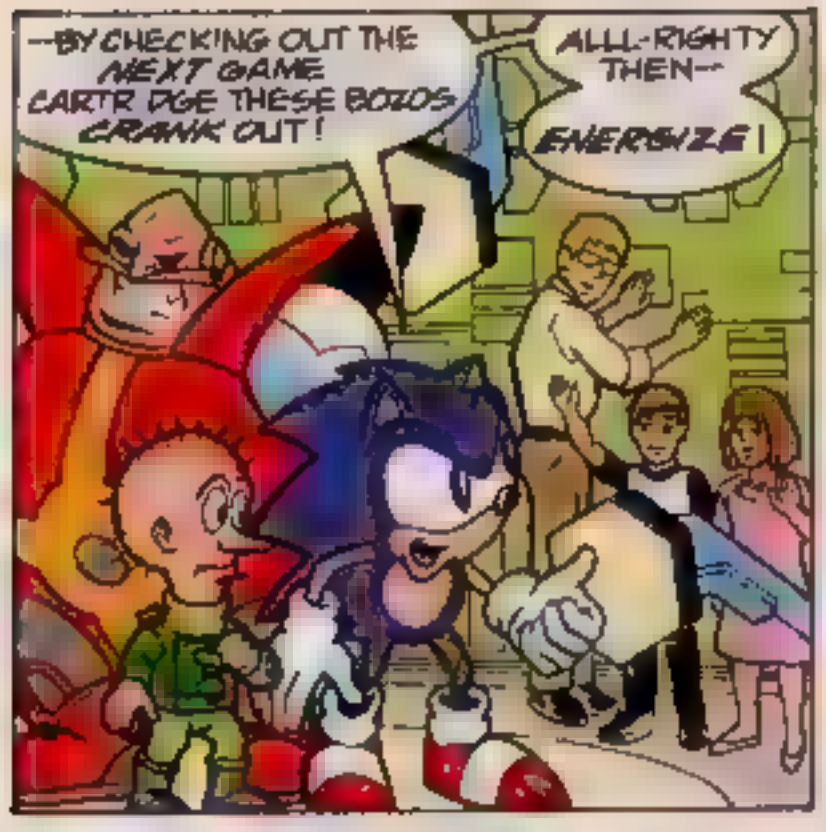
KLIKAW
THAT'S SHUT 'EM DOWN!
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP

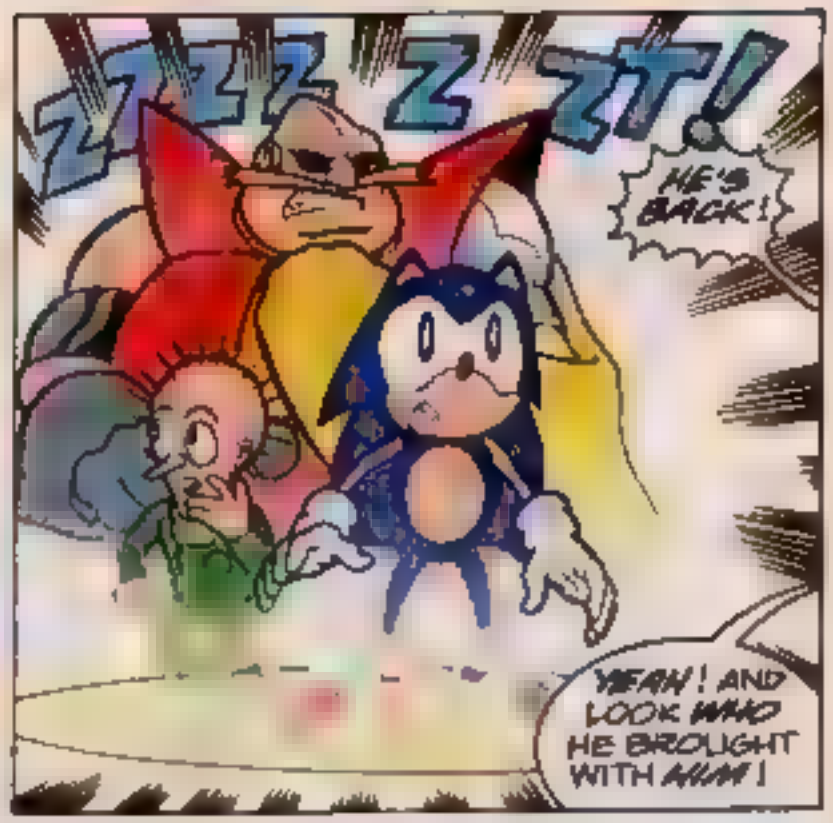

YOU DID IT, SONIC!
SMAK!
NOBODY DOES IT BETTER!
YOU KIDS WERE TERRIFIC, YOURSELVES!


SO HOW DO WE GET BACK HOME NOW?
GOOD QUESTION!
I'M SURE ROTOR MUST BE TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION ON MY WORLD--

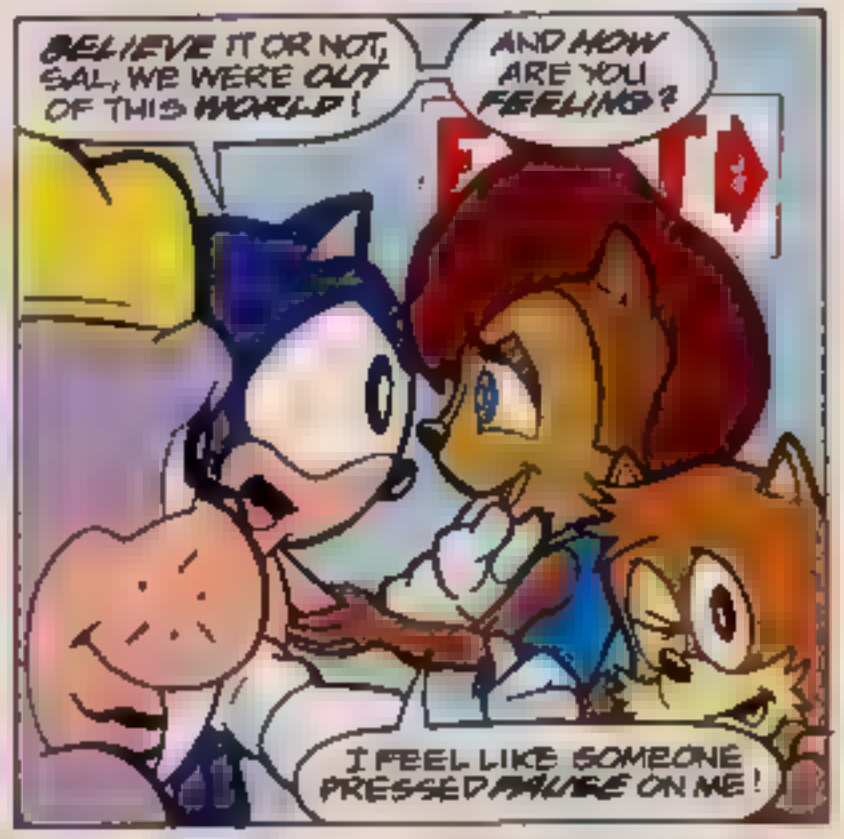

--BUT I THINK THE ANSWER'S HERE!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, GUYS?
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REVERSE THE PROCESS, BUT--
--IT'LL BE A ONE-WAY TICKET!


I GUESS THIS MEANS GOOD-BYE, SONIC!
WE'RE GONNA MISS YOU, BIG GUY!
OH, I THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT I'M UP TO--


--BY CHECKING OUT THE NEXT GAME CARTRIDGE THESE BOZOS CRANK OUT!
ALLL-RIGHTY THEN--
ENERGIZE!


ZZZZZZZT!
HE'S BACK!
YEAH! AND LOOK WHO HE BROUGHT WITH HIM!

SALLY! TAILS!
WE WERE SO WORRIED WONDERING WHERE YOU WENT!
LET'S GO, SNIVELY! I'VE SUCH A HEADACHE!


BELIEVE IT OR NOT, SAL, WE WERE OUT OF THIS WORLD!
AND HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE PRESSED PAUSE ON ME!

FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT...

"...'CAUSE I THINK OTHERS WOULD JUST SAY THEY'RE GETTING STARTED!"
IT'S THE NEW SONIC GAME CARTRIDGE!
LET'S SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO NOW!

THE END

SONIC LIVE!

J. Freddy Gabrie
Editor

A Word From The Editor...

In case you were wondering, "Just who are those photogenically wild and crazy kids?" These child actors are none other than Ken Penders' son, Stephen and his niece, Jessica. Ken asked them for their help when he started on the project. He knew he would spend hours with them making sure each photograph was just the way he wanted. As far as their help was concerned, Ken was quoted as saying, "Hey, they worked for free!" Let us know what you think of "Sonic Live!" We'll be waiting to hear from you!

See Ya'!

Freddy

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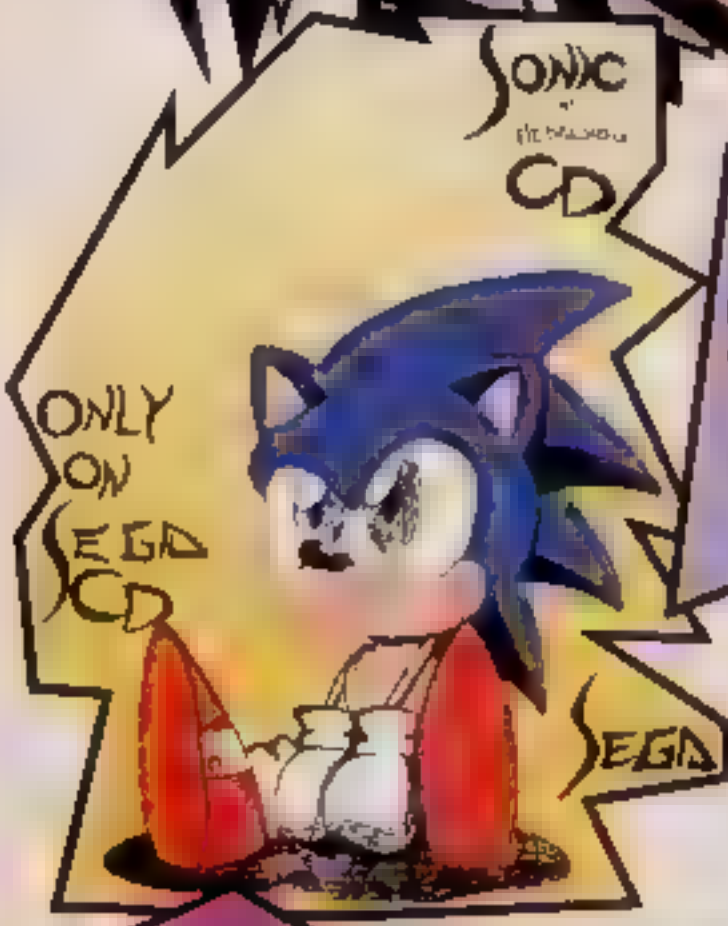

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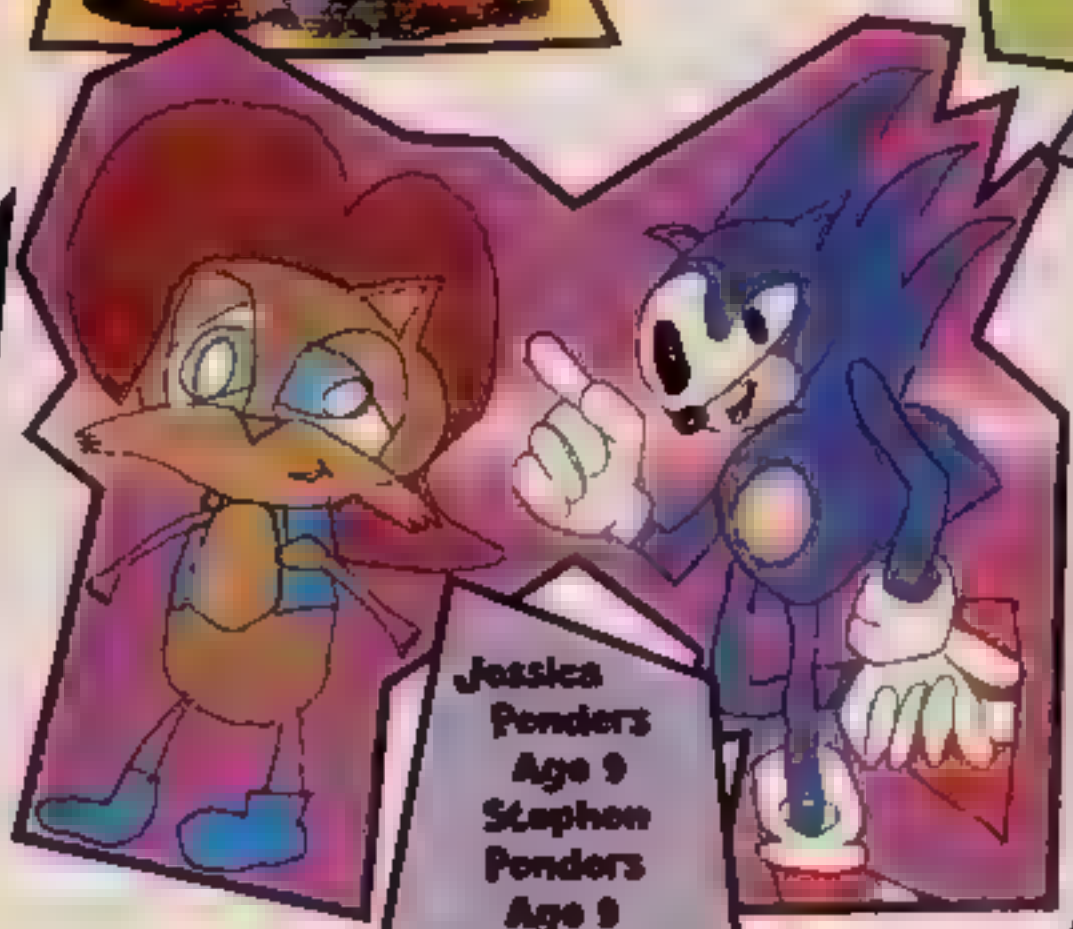

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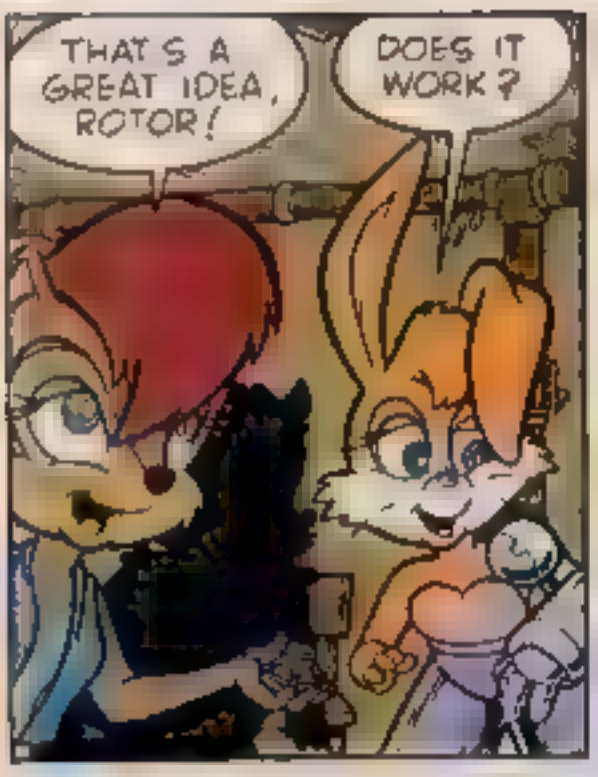
THE SUBSTITUTE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

WATCHA WORKING ON, BIG FELLA?

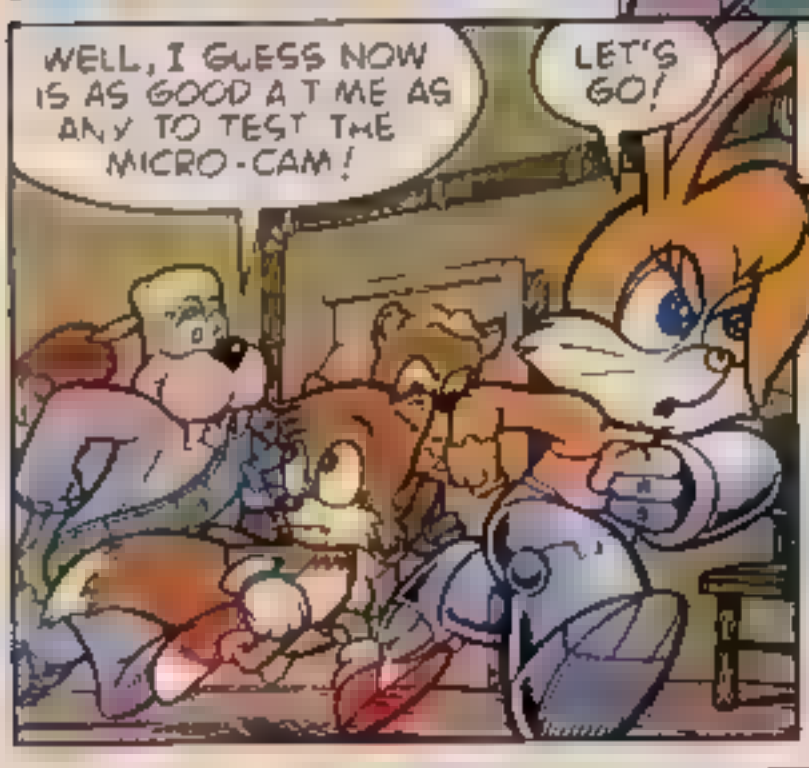
QUI WHAT ISS ZEE ARTEESTS LATEEST MASTERPIECE?

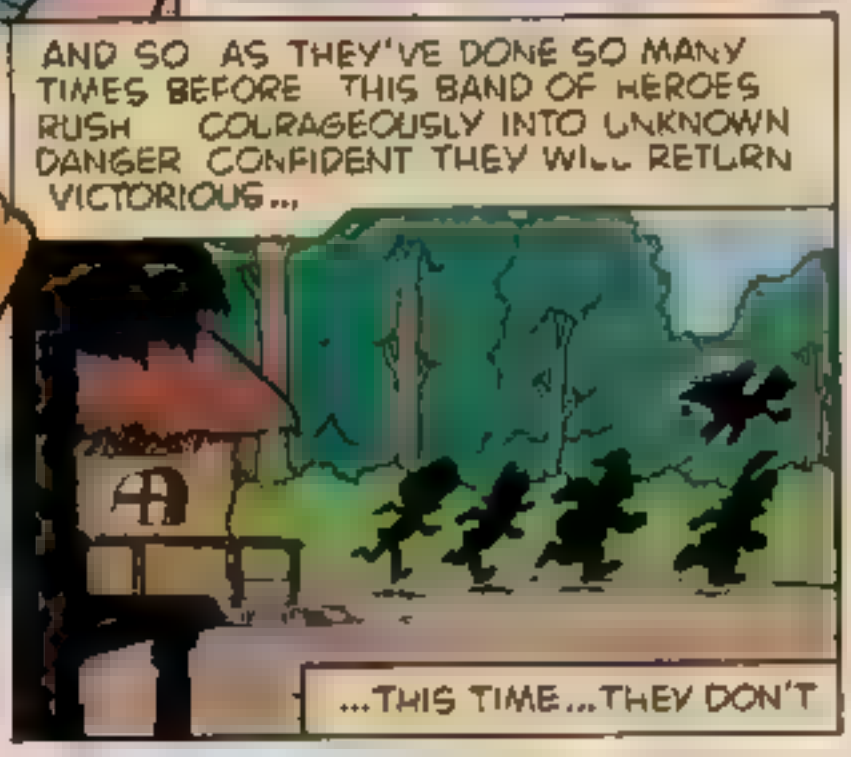
HMMM? OH!


THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, ROTOR!
DOES IT WORK?

WELL, I HAVEN'T TESTED IT YET... BUT IT SHOULD

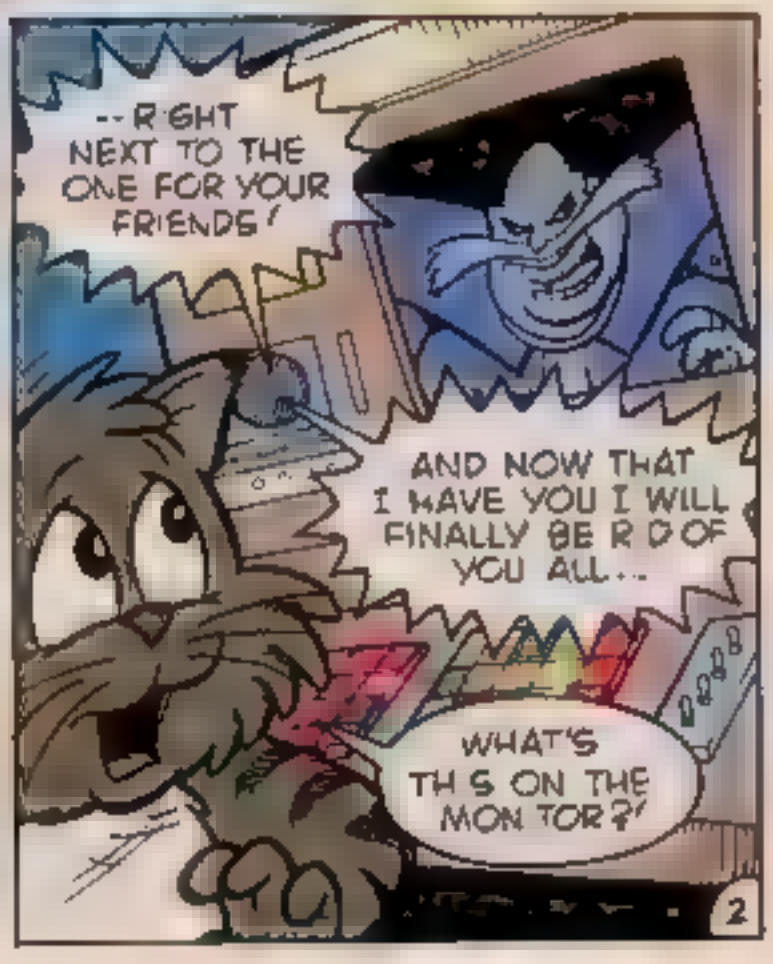
AWOOGA! AWOOGA!
THE ALARMS!! IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SWATBOTS ARE NEAR KNOT HOLE'S OUTER PERIMETER!
YIKES!

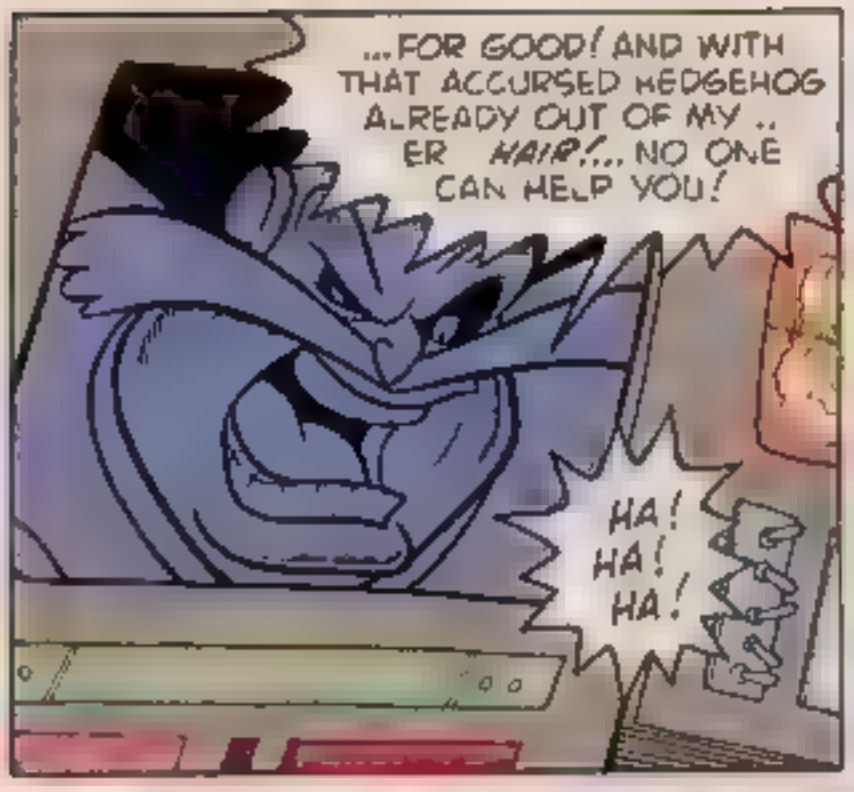

WELL, I GUESS NOW IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TEST THE MICRO-CAM!
LET'S GO!


AND SO AS THEY'VE DONE SO MANY TIMES BEFORE THIS BAND OF HEROES RUSH COURAGEOUSLY INTO UNKNOWN DANGER CONFIDENT THEY WILL RETURN VICTORIOUS...
...THIS TIME...THEY DON'T

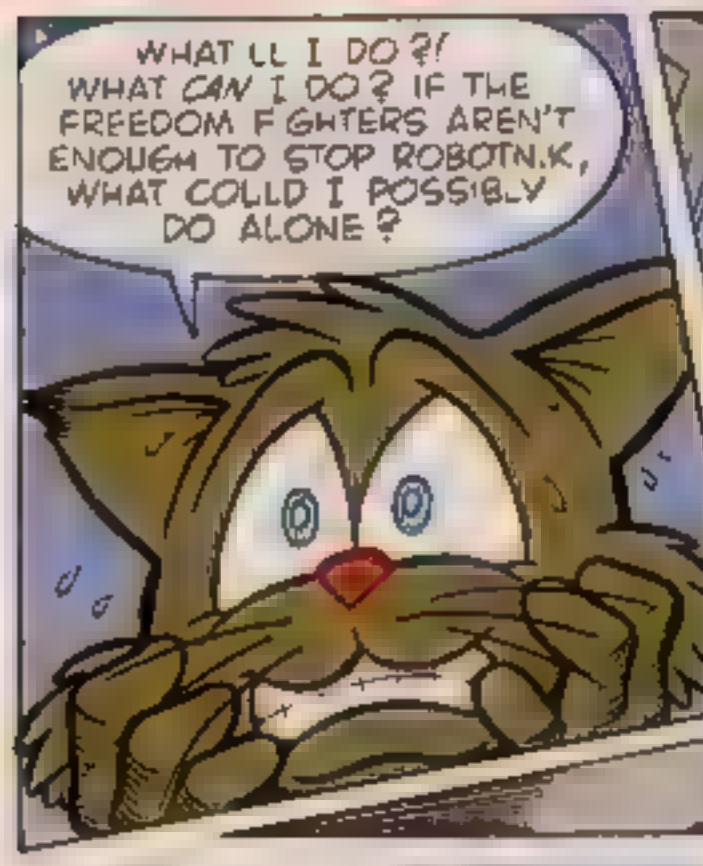
SOME TIME LATER
HELLO! ANYONE HOME? IT'S ME -- LARRY LYNX.

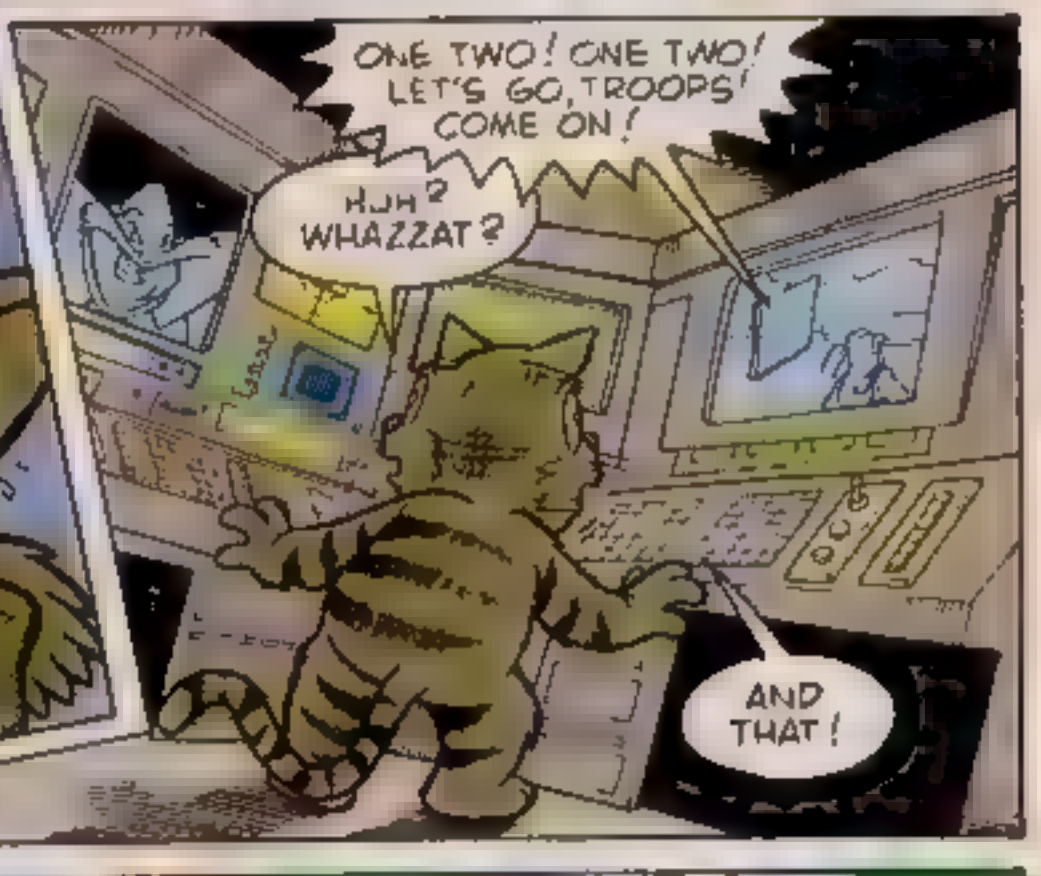
HUH... I GUESS NO ONE'S HOME... OH WELL, I'LL STOP BACK SOME OTHER... HUH?!
REMEMBER LARRY FROM SONIC #12?


-- RIGHT NEXT TO THE ONE FOR YOUR FRIENDS!
AND NOW THAT I HAVE YOU I WILL FINALLY BE RID OF YOU ALL...
WHAT'S THIS ON THE MONITOR?!

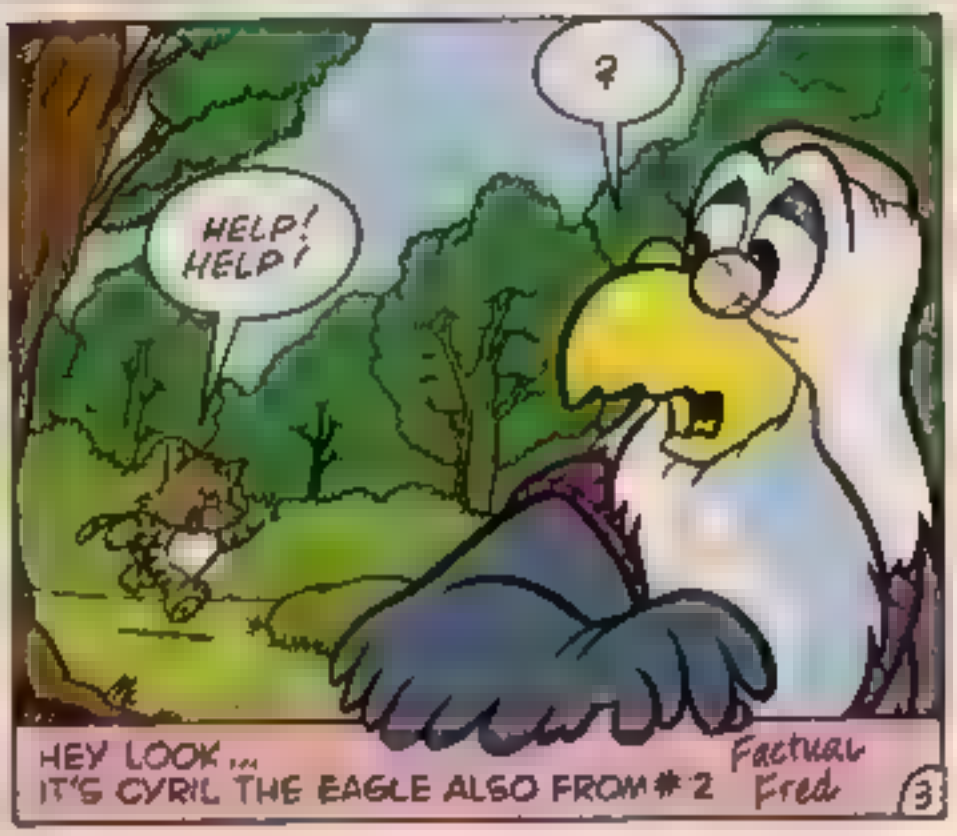

...FOR GOOD! AND WITH THAT ACCURSED HEDGEHOG ALREADY OUT OF MY .. ER HAIR!... NO ONE CAN HELP YOU!
HA! HA! HA!

OH NO! WHENEVER I'M AROUND SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS!


WHAT LL I DO?! WHAT CAN I DO? IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AREN'T ENOUGH TO STOP ROBOTNIK, WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY DO ALONE?


ONE TWO! ONE TWO! LET'S GO, TROOPS! COME ON!
HUH? WHAZZAT?
AND THAT!

TRAINING CAMP?
THAT'S IT!!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HELP! HELP!
HEY LOOK... IT'S CYRIL THE EAGLE ALSO FROM #2
Factual Fred

PANT. PANT NEED... HELP.

CALM DOWN, SON! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY DR ROBOTNIK! AND HE GOT RID OF SONIC SOMEHOW!

OH MY!

GASP!

WE'VE GOT TO HELP!

YOU'RE RIGHT.. BUT HOW?

WE NEED A PLAN!

RIGHT!

THERE'S NO TIME! WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT UP AS WE GO!

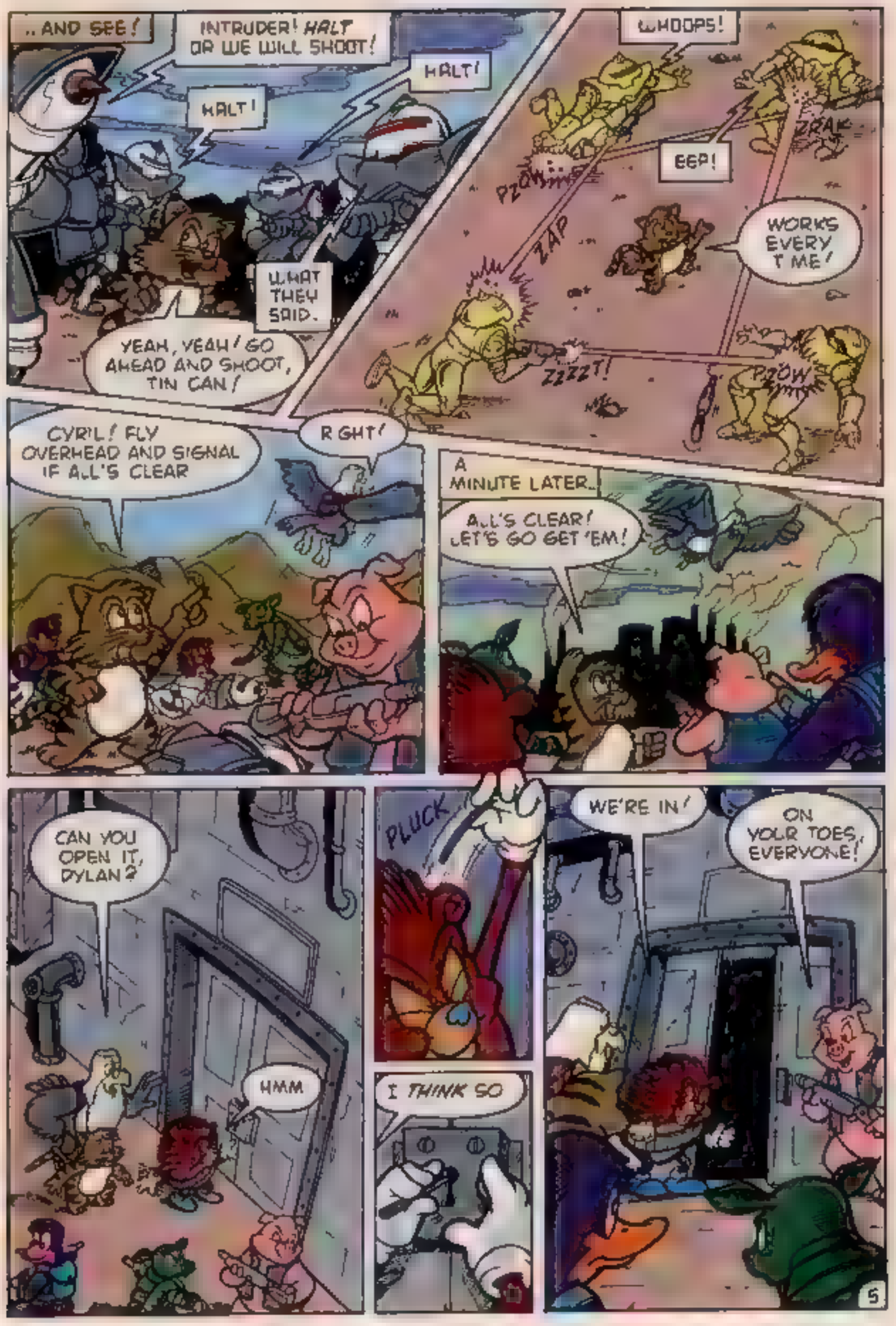
WHAT ABOUT THE GUARDS?

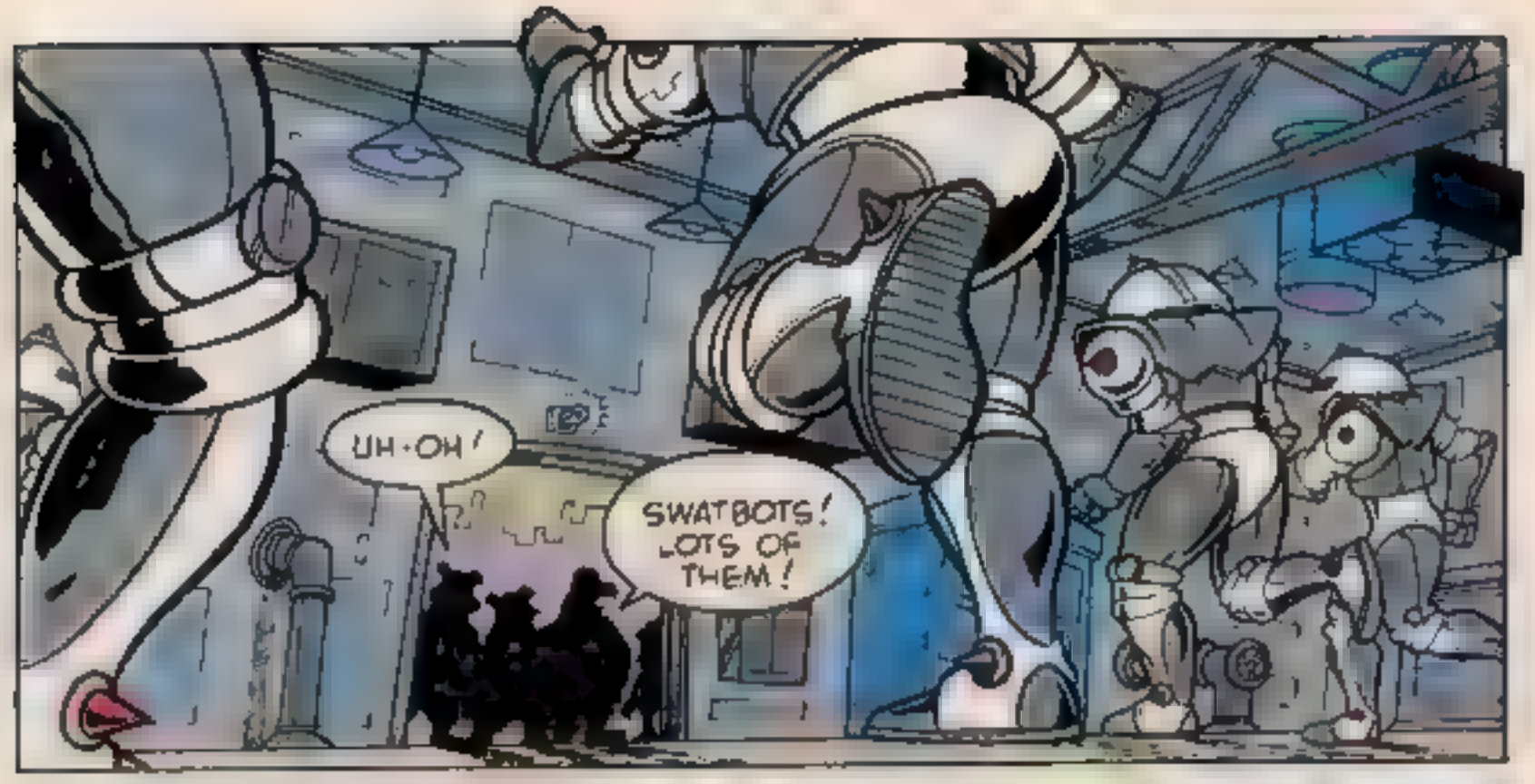
DON'T WORRY... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

BUT HOW?

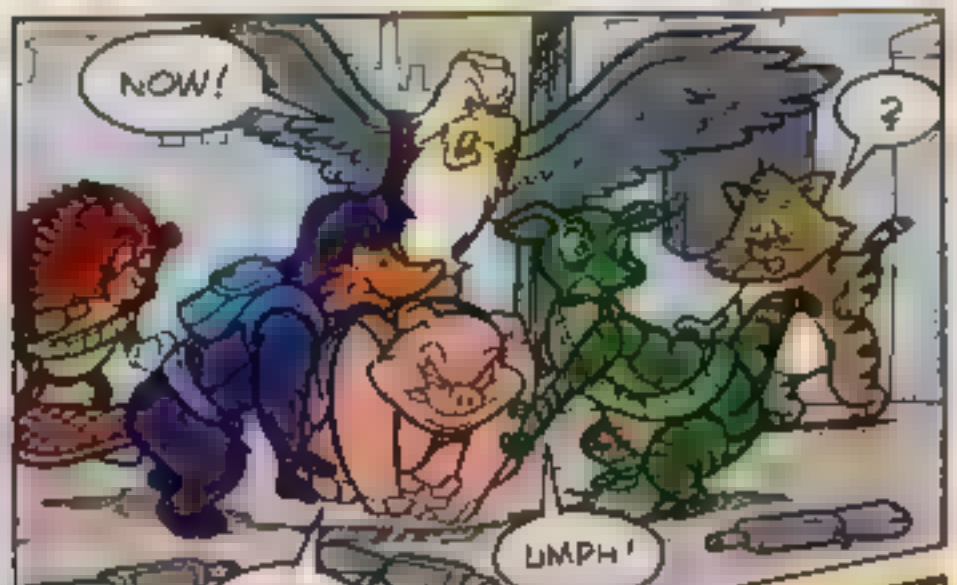
ROBOTROPOLIS KEEP OUT!

WATCH.


..AND SEE!
INTRUDER! HALT OR WE WILL SHOOT!
HALT!
HALT!
WHAT THEY SAID.
YEAH, YEAH! GO AHEAD AND SHOOT, TIN CAN!
WHOOPS!
EEP!
PZOW
ZAP
ZRAK
WORKS EVERY T ME!
ZZZZT!
PZOW
CYRIL! FLY OVERHEAD AND SIGNAL IF ALL'S CLEAR
RIGHT!
A MINUTE LATER...
ALL'S CLEAR! LET'S GO GET 'EM!
CAN YOU OPEN IT, DYLAN?
HMM
PLUCK
I THINK SO
WE'RE IN!
ON YOUR TOES, EVERYONE!


UH-OH!
SWATBOTS! LOTS OF THEM!

INITIATE MANEUVER 12!
CHECK!


NOW!
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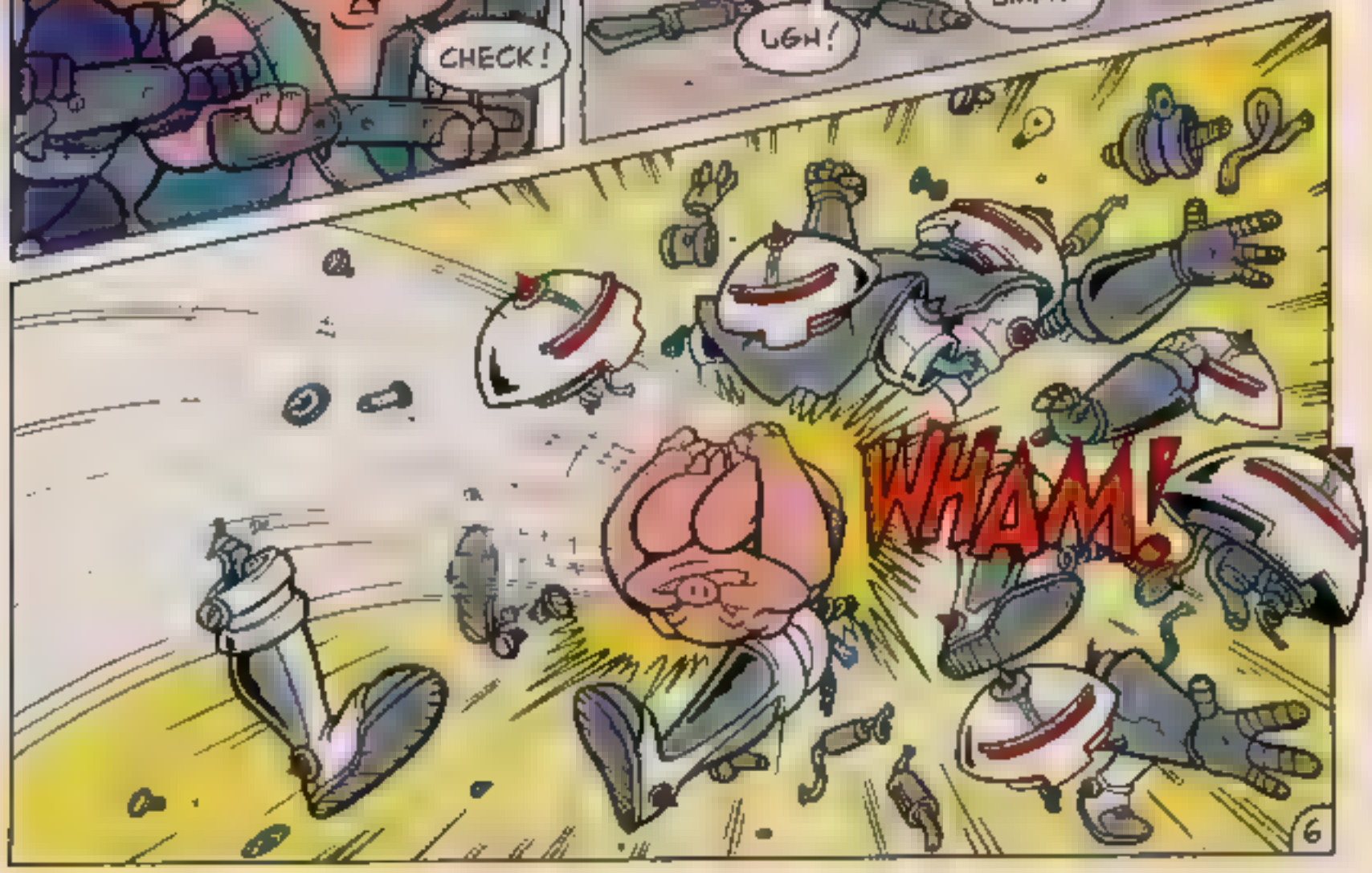
UMPH!
UGH!


WHAM!

A FEW MINUTES LATER
HEY LOOK! IT'S SONIC!
THAT TEARS IT! NOW I INTEND TO GET REALLY MEAN!
STOP IN YOUR TRACKS, YOUNG PIG HEDGEHOG--
AND THAT ROBOTNIK!
ZRAAPPT!
HE'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF FOR NOW! THE OTHERS ARE RIGHT UP AHEAD! LET'S GO!
AFTER THE BATTLE HAS BEEN WAGED AND WON...
HUH?! L- LARRY? DYLAN?
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW, PRINCESS--
--LET'S FIND SONIC AND MOVE IT OUT!

THE NEXT DAY AT KNOTHOLE

THANKS TO YOU ALL, AND ROTOR'S MICRO CAM .. WE'RE ALL SAFE! AND THESE WATCHES WE'VE GIVEN YOU WILL ALERT YOU ALL IF YOUR HELP IS EVER NEEDED AGAIN!

WOW!

NIFTY!

LARRY .. YOUR QUICK THINKING HAS MADE US REALIZE WE CAN'T DO EVERYTHING ALONE WE NEED A BACK UP EMERGENCY TEAM ... A TEAM WE THINK *YOU* SHOULD LEAD!

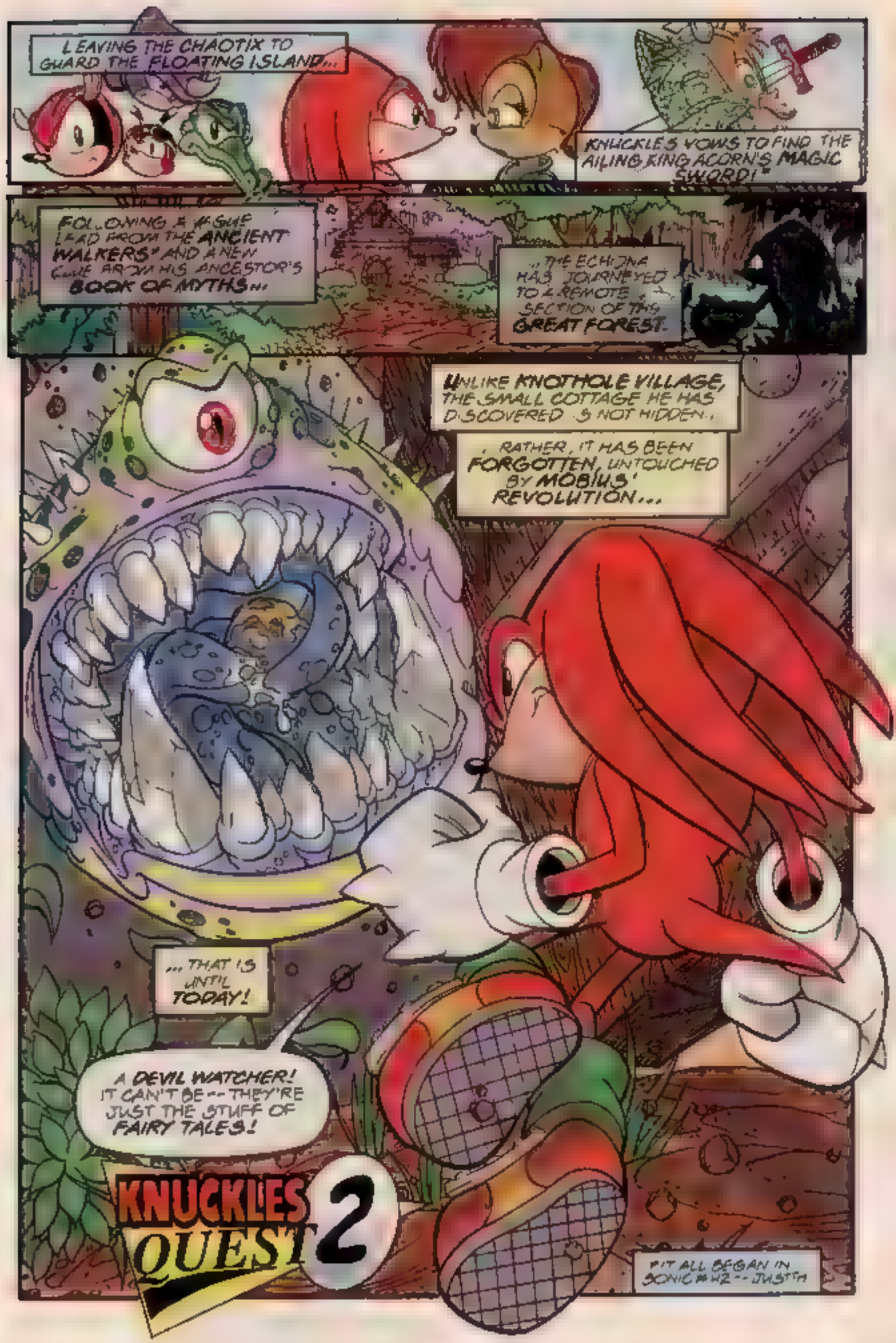
GOSH, PRINCESS, I .. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY (choke)

JUST SAY *YES*, LARRY ... *YES* THAT YOU WILL LEAD THE *SUBSTITUTE LEGION OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS!!*

YES!!

WILL WE SEE THE LEGION AGAIN? TIME (AND YOU THE FANS) WILL TELL!

The End


LEAVING THE CHAOTIX TO GUARD THE FLOATING ISLAND...
KNUCKLES VOWS TO FIND THE AILING KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD!
FOLLOWING A VAGUE LEAD FROM THE ANCIENT WALKERS AND A NEW CLUE FROM HIS ANCESTOR'S BOOK OF MYTHS...
...THE ECHIDNA HAS JOURNEYED TO A REMOTE SECTION OF THE GREAT FOREST.
UNLIKE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE SMALL COTTAGE HE HAS DISCOVERED IS NOT HIDDEN...
...RATHER, IT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN, UNTOUCHED BY MOBIUS' REVOLUTION...
...THAT IS UNTIL TODAY!
A DEVIL WATCHER! IT CAN'T BE -- THEY'RE JUST THE STUFF OF FAIRY TALES!
KNUCKLES QUEST 2
IT ALL BEGAN IN SONIC #42 -- JUST

REAL OR NOT, I DON'T PLAN ON BEING THIS GUY'S LUNCH!
KRAK

TIMBER!
CRUNCH

GONE?! I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHERE...
POIT

...BUT MY DESTINY AWAITS INSIDE? WHAT GIVES? THIS PLACE DIDN'T LOOK SO BIG ON THE OUTSIDE AND...

RRRAW
BLOOD BEASTS! WHERE'RE ALL THESE STORYBOOK MONSTERS COMING FROM?!

WELL, THE STORY GOES, "ATTACK THE DOMINANT ONE AND THEY BOTH SHALL FALL!" YOU'RE CLOSEST, SO...
TAG, FELIX, YOU'RE IT!
DOING A FADE-OUT TOO? GOOD! NOW NOTHING'S IN MY WAY, SO I CAN START SNOOPING!
THEN AGAIN...?! Hmm... MAYBE I SHOULD START USING MY BRAIN IF I WANT TO SURVIVE! BUT FOR NOW...
HERE'S ONE FOR YOU...
...AND ONE FOR YOU!
...Wh... NICE DRAGON!

"I'VE GOT TO **THINK HARD**... EXAMINE THE ANCIENT WALKERS' CRYPTIC MESSAGE..."

ON A ONCE **LUSH** WORLD AND ITS HUNK OF **FLOATING STONE**, THERE EXISTS A SORCERER, WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE...

A **CHARLATAN**, **ENCHANTRESS** AND **PALADIN** WITH **FAIRNESS** AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE...

CHARLATAN... FAIRNESS... STORY-BOOK MONSTERS... **THAT'S IT!**

SIR, FORGIVE ME FOR **INVADING** YOUR HOME! I'M REALLY ON A **PEACEFUL MISSION** TO FIND KING ACORN'S SWORD!

LOOKS LIKE USING THE OL' **NOODLE** PAID OFF -- THE MONSTERS -- THE COTTAGE'S **APPEARANCE**... IT'S ALL AN **ILLUSION**!

THE BENEVOLENT ANCIENT WALKERS GRANTED YOU AN **AUDIENCE**, AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT YOU'VE LEARNED MY **SECRET**, I CAN DO NO LESS!

YOU KINDA GAVE **YOURSELF** AWAY BY ATTACKING WITH CHILDREN'S BOGEY MONSTERS!

HA! A TRUE **CHARLATAN** USES BOTH HIS POWERS OF **ILLUSION** AND HIS **IMAGINATION** TO PROTECT HIMSELF!

...AND IN *MY* YOUTH I ALSO USED THEM IN SERVICE OF THE **KING!**

THEN YOU KNOW WHERE THE ROYAL SWORD IS?

The Land of Dark

NO, BUT YOU MAY RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM SOMEONE IN THE **LAND OF DARK**--**IF** YOU CAN EVEN LOCATE THIS MYSTERIOUS REALM!

LOCATE?! YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS? GREAT! JUST GREAT!

SORRY. I WISH YOU LUCK AND A SAFE JOURNEY.

IF YOU SEE SIRE ACORN AGAIN, TELL HIM **MERLIN PROWER** WISHES HIM WELL!

I'LL SEE HIM AGAIN ALRIGHT-- AND WHEN I DO I'LL HAVE HIS SWORD! **BELIEVE IT!**

KNUCKLES GETS SIDE-TRACKED INTO SONIC #44 (ON SALE DEC '96) BUT RESUMES HIS QUEST IN SONIC #45 (ON SALE JAN '97)!